

[Translation]

Mrs. Landry: Mr. Speaker, I already explained that sanctions had achieved certain results, and everyone acknowledges this. I mentioned this earlier when I quoted a newspaper article.

We shall continue to strengthen and intensify our sanctions as planned, and of course we do hope, since there have been initial overtures, that the government of South Africa will back down and initiate negotiations with the anti-apartheid movements.

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[English]

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Brian O'Kurley (Elk Island): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Alberta is the only province in Canada that does not have a provincial sales tax. Although we do have a federal sales tax, it is presently included in the price of our goods. Alberta business and consumers alike are not comfortable with an add-on sales tax. When we change to the GST, will the federal tax be included in the selling price as it is now, or will it be added on at the cash register?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member has pointed out, the GST is a very visible tax, quite contrary to the manufacturers' sales tax which is buried in the price of everything we buy today. We have proposed as a model presentation that the tax be included in the price of a product on the shelf, but that the tax be broken out at the cash register so that when the consumer is making a budgeting decision he knows not only the price on the shelf but the amount of tax when he goes to pay the final price at the cash register.

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INDUSTRY

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry. As the minister will know, the Wonder Bra textile factory in Hawkesbury, Ontario, in my riding announced yesterday that it was shutting its doors, putting 100 people out of work in a community of 10,000. That is about the same as losing 10,000 jobs in Montreal or Toronto, proportion-

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ately. This will not likely feature in the minister's book of free trade success stories.

What is the government going to do for my constituents of Hawkesbury, who are losing their jobs, most of them held by women, on this cold rainy fall day? What is he going to do to assist them?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, in terms of the last part of that question we have a very good system of support programs for people. Every year in Canada 3 million people change jobs, for lay-offs, for various reasons, and the support systems are there to make that possible.

But in terms of this particular plant, the company in question, Candella has four plants in Canada. It is closing its Hawkesbury plant on February 19, 1990. The 86 employees affected will be laid off but 86 new jobs will be added to the Matane plant. They are consolidating in Matane. The total number of jobs with this company in Canada will remain the same. There will be a consolidation.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, that resettlement policy will not impress my constituents.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, on November 10, 1987, Investment Canada allowed Wonder Bra to take over its main competitor, Daisy Fresh Creations. Less than two years later, the plants are closing. Why did the government allow Investment Canada to eliminate the competition and make my constituents lose their jobs?

[English]

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, Investment Canada's responsibilities refer to Canada as a whole, not just Hawkesbury. As I pointed out, in this instance there is no loss of jobs to Canada as a whole.

I understand the hon. member's concern for his constituency, and quite properly he is expressing concern for his constituents. But surely he is not suggesting that the Government of Canada should intervene and say no to this company, you cannot open up 86 new jobs in Matane, you must retain them in Hawkesbury because your member of Parliament demands it. Surely he is not asking that.