

of that money that would have gone to tax discounters will never be received by them. I compliment the Government for taking this approach in the Bill and for the timely manner in which it has done so.

I have heard it said, particularly by the New Democratic Party, that we should give more hand-outs and provide more social services. Unfortunately, those Hon. Members do not have to try to balance the books. Whether or not they are aware of it, right now when we pay personal income tax federally, \$80 out of every \$100 collected goes to pay just interest on the outstanding debt. If we did everything the NDP would like us to do, I am sure that in no time 100 per cent of our tax dollars, not 80 per cent, would go to pay the interest on the national debt. I think Hon. Members of the New Democratic Party should be reminded that money does not grow on trees. Governments do not have their own money. Governments get their money from businesses, through sales tax and from the people.

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I would like to comment on the approach we have taken for economic renewal. I have always believed that if one wants to reinforce the family unit, the best way to do it is to have the father and mother working and bringing money into the house. There is then pride in the mother and father and that pride grows, builds the family unit and keeps them together. I think the approach we have taken to try and create jobs and economic growth is as important as the provision of services about which we are talking today. I believe the heads of families feel much more proud to be out working and receiving benefits from these other programs than receiving social assistance. I hope this Bill will be passed without delay so we can get this money into the hands of the low-income families in order that they can benefit from it this coming winter at Christmastime.

Mr. Caldwell: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—St. James (Mr. Minaker) would correct some information I gathered from the previous speaker who indicated the unemployment situation in the Hon. Member's riding and in Canada was getting worse. In my area unemployment has dropped from somewhere around 11 per cent in 1984 to around 5 per cent. Are things getting worse in the Winnipeg area? Are our programs not working in the Hon. Member's area?

Mr. Minaker: Mr. Speaker, I think I am correct in saying that Manitoba, not just my particular riding, is one of the lowest in terms of unemployment in Canada. I believe unemployment dropped by .6 per cent this last month. So I believe our economic programs to create jobs are working very well in Manitoba. I cannot be precise about certain parts of my riding, but I would presume, because it is a cosmopolitan kind of riding, that if unemployment has dropped within the province it would have dropped within my riding as well. I am encouraged that what we are doing in trying to create jobs and

pride, getting people to work with the tax incentives we have given small business, is working very well.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my colleague, the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—St. James (Mr. Minaker) for his excellent statistics. He is quite right in stating that the federal Government's job-creation plans for Manitoba have really paid off. They are worthwhile projects, not like the projects of the previous Government, paying people to learn karate in church basements and that sort of thing. I would like to point out that there are more jobs available in Canada today than there have ever been at any other time. One just has to look at any major newspaper to see pages and pages of help wanted advertisements. We know the Liberal Party when it was in government destroyed the work ethic in this country with the ridiculous unemployment insurance scheme it introduced in the early 1970s. We are taking positive action to deal with it. Our Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) has introduced the increased interview activity plan. From the information I have to date, 75,000 unemployed have been called in so far to find out why they are not taking jobs which are available. We have found jobs for 25,000 of them already. I understand that many of the people who are called in for the interviews are not showing up because they know we are calling them to find them a job.

I have written to the Minister of Employment and Immigration today asking him to have his UIC officials go to these missions which have soup kitchens and are feeding the unemployed and discuss with these people the reasons they cannot find a job. Perhaps we can assist them in that regard. I am not saying this is the case in every part of Canada. However, it certainly is the case in Ontario. In British Columbia which has a 15 per cent unemployment rate, it was interesting that they could not find enough census takers to do the recent census. They were being offered \$7.50 an hour.

There is another serious problem in this country. The head of the Labour Congress in the Province of Alberta has told the unemployed not to take the jobs, to stay on unemployment insurance benefits or welfare. Is that not a great attitude to take?

The Government is taking positive action to try to restore the work ethic which was destroyed by the Liberal Party. We have a pretty good record to date. We will be interviewing a million persons across Canada and I am sure we will find work for a lot more Canadians in the future.

Mr. Parry: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to test your interpretation of the rule of relevance to discover what connection there is between the vicious verbal assaults on the unemployed we just heard and the terms of Bill C-11.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—St. James (Mr. Minaker) has the floor.

Mr. Minaker: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my good friend and neighbour, the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—