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ignored that suggestion. The government decided to set its own goals, with the Bank of Canada.

[*English*]

That is not the way to establish co-operation. That is not the way to get people to work together in this country, if we are to work together as a society, as has happened in Quebec. One of the things I have admired in the province of Quebec is the pulling together of the different economic actors to talk about economic policy and where it should head in the future. This has taken place both under the Péquiste government and under the Liberal government in Quebec. It is not an approach which is being taken by this government.

Instead, this government says: "We will set the inflation targets", despite the fact that its own Economic Council of Canada said the opposite. It said: "If these targets are to work, everybody has to be involved in setting them."

[*Translation*]

The hon. member mentioned the subject of free trade. I admit it is a complex issue. We cannot say that all jobs were lost because of free trade but it is a fact that many jobs were lost for that reason.

[*English*]

In my constituency, for instance, we have seen 40 plants shut in this past year. These plants have transferred to the United States. They have transferred in part because of the rationalization that free trade meant had to take place. They have transferred because the value of the dollar was so high. And the value of the dollar was as high as it was, I believe, because that was part of the free trade bargain. A former Conservative cabinet minister has said precisely the same thing, someone who I think the member who spoke used to be a parliamentary secretary to, if I am not mistaken—though I do not remember for certain.

So, we have to recognize—

[*Translation*]

Our factories are under a lot of pressure as a result of free trade. We see this throughout Ontario, and I imagine the same applies to Quebec. The hon. member mentioned the Royal Bank, and other members mentioned the Can-West Foundation. All these groups supported free trade before the decision was made, so it

is not surprising to see the same groups support free trade now.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Resuming debate.

[*English*]

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, before I start my speech, I would like to beg the indulgence of this House. In view of the fact that within our party we have a large number of members of Parliament who wish to address this question, it would be appreciated if you would allow us to split our time so that our speeches can be of 10 minutes duration with a five-minute question and comment period, if you would agree to that.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Does the House agree with the opposition's request that its speakers share their speaking time, so that we will have 10 minute periods, followed by 5 minutes of questions and comments?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would appreciate it if all hon. members would make this clear at the beginning of their speech, so that it is easier to keep on track.

[*English*]

Mrs. Marleau: Mr. Speaker, I will be speaking for 10 minutes and sharing my time with my colleague, the member for Ottawa—Vanier.

I am addressing this motion which we have brought forward condemning this government, essentially for its very poor economic management which, in effect, is bringing about the deindustrialization of Canada, especially in Ontario and the industrial manufacturing sector in southern Ontario.

I would like to bring a very personal view to this discussion. I want to explain that we in northern Ontario, who come from resource based towns, understand what it means when you lack that industrial and manufacturing infrastructure.

I was born in the town of Kirkland Lake, which is very much a one industry town. From the time I was very young I knew, because we had no other infrastructure, no other diversification, that when the demand for the mineral produced in our town declined, jobs would be lost and there would be no other jobs. Eventually, when the minerals ran out, most people had to move away