

The previous speaker pointed out that there was far less unemployment among those who were above \$10 an hour than there was below it. It is a wonderful report that I would recommend to the government any time it feels it needs some enlightenment. I suppose Bill C-21 suggests that it feels it does not need it, but I certainly recommend that it look at the social cost. This is a government that can only understand the bottom line, whether the loonies are jingling in the cash register. The intangible effect of what it does is of no consideration.

Other jobs include: survey technicians, \$7.50 an hour; a short order, cook \$4.75 an hour. There is a tremendous amount of sexism as well. I will give the government credit for making reference to some jobs which can be left voluntarily without the penalties so prevalent within the legislation that was first introduced.

Here we have a secretary, not only a secretary but a bilingual secretary, for dare I say the princely sum of \$7 an hour. Now most of us think that secretaries are some of the best paid people. We all know that they are the best qualified, but obviously they are not among the best paid people in Canada. Best qualified, yes; best paid, no. It is not a coincidence. It is the way our society operates. A woman at best making 60 per cent of what men make, and a bilingual person as well. Can you imagine the gall of the unemployment insurance centre putting an ad on its bulletin board advertising a job for a bilingual secretary at \$7 an hour. That is poverty level anywhere in this country for a single person.

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Let us not kid ourselves, as the Prime Minister tries to do, that all these jobs he is creating are something wild and wonderful. As a matter of fact, most of the jobs which have been created since this government came in have been the low paying, low quality jobs, and most of the people who have become employed since this government came to power and since the end of the recession have been women, earning 60 per cent less than men. As one of the previous speakers pointed out, the actual employment level is hardly up to pre-recession levels.

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There will be other speakers who will get into some of the specifics of the devastation this act is going to cause the people of Canada. I only hope that the devastation is less than I predict it will be.

Mr. Speaker, I realize I am getting very short of time. I would beg this government, I implore this government, even at this late date, to reconsider the implementation of this bill. A motion has been made to have it hoisted for six months. I beg the minister not to even put it to a vote. Do the honourable thing and withdraw it.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Prince George—Bulkley Valley (Mr. Gardiner)—VIA Rail; the Hon. Member for Cape Breton—East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall)—VIA Rail; the Hon. Member for York Center (Mr. Kaplan)—Supply and Services.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mrs. MacDougall that Bill C-21, an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act, be read the third time and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would like to remind members at this time of the agreement that was made this morning between the three parties. Speeches from now on will be ten minutes followed by a five minute question and comment period.

The Hon. Minister of State for Employment and Immigration on debate.