

concerns should be equal for job-creation programs throughout this land.

When I think of societies where different classes of citizens live, I can think of the cast society in India or the suppressed people within the communist bloc. That should not happen in Canada. There should not be two classes of people here, one that happens to live in a Conservative or NDP riding and the other that happens to live in a Liberal riding.

To play politics with the unemployed is the sign of a very desperate government that would consider bribing the Canadian people with their own money instead of using the money in a fair and honest fashion. The only money that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) could find for this Budget was \$150 million, but just ten months ago when the Minister of Finance was playing the clown in front of the TV cameras, he was able to come up with \$200 million to cover his foolish error. When it comes to helping the unemployed, however, all he could come up with was \$150 million.

I should like to take this opportunity to quote again a famous Canadian and his opinion of the unemployed. As he entered the 1980 election he said:

As we enter the 1980s, we have to remind ourselves that there's no greater challenge facing this country than that fundamental requirement of creating jobs, especially for Canada's young people.

The famous Canadian was the Right Hon. Prime Minister, and his remark was addressed to the University of New Brunswick on January 10, 1980. Clearly the words and the deeds of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance are two drastically separate things.

This country needs a government that can control its spending and once and for all send a signal to private enterprise that it is serious about restraint and recovery.

Last year the Minister of Finance informed us that the deficit would reach \$31.5 billion; today, for every \$3 that the Government spends, \$1 must be borrowed. Year after year the federal auditor tells the House of Commons that government spending is leading us down the road to disaster. I believe the Government has reached that destination, Mr. Speaker. It is clear that not only is the Government morally bankrupt but it is playing politics with the unemployed. The Government is also financially bankrupt because it does not seem capable of controlling its own spending.

I have discussed the plight of the unemployed and I have touched briefly on the subject of the nation's sagging federal deficit. Next I should like to address something that is completely ignored by the Minister of Finance in the Budget. The mining industry in this country is in serious trouble and its problems have not been addressed in the Government's blueprint.

From January, 1982, until November, 1983, over 25,774 miners were laid off either on a permanent or a temporary basis in Canada. On top of that, close to 100 mining operations or projects were suspended on a temporary basis. In the midst of the mining crisis, what did the Government do? In one word—nothing. The word mining or mine is not even men-

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tioned in the 20-page Budget Speech that the Minister of Finance read to the House last month.

Mining plays a crucial role in every community in northern Ontario. I expect to see Members from ridings in that part of the country stand in the House during this debate and voice an objection to the Budget. It provides nothing for the thousands of laid-off miners in our region.

As things stand today, Mr. Speaker, there is one employment program operating in Canada that is tied directly to the mining industry. The Mining Internship Program which is administered under the Career Access Program in co-operation with the Mining Association of Canada is a good program that is intended to help graduating students from the faculties of geology, mining engineering and mining technology. It is an excellent program which opens up opportunities for graduating students. It is fine to have that program, but if the mines are not in operation, then we cannot put the students to work.

I see the Minister from Nickel Belt sitting over there laughing, Mr. Speaker, because I am concerned about the mining industry. The miners in northern Ontario are not laughing, Mr. Speaker, that is for sure.

This program combined with the employment programs operating under Section 38, conditions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, are clearly not doing enough to help companies that face a very uncertain future.

During a recent mining tour of my riding my colleague, the Hon. Member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle) and I were told that increased foreign competition was hurting if not killing the Canadian iron ore industry. We had the opportunity to meet with the mine manager at the Adams Mine in Kirkland Lake, Mr. Bruce Taylor, who told us of the pressure to improve costs to compete with Brazilian ore which can be landed in the Canadian Great Lakes region for up to \$10 per ton less than it can be delivered from mines in northern Ontario. The same conditions apply to another mine only 60 miles away. The Brazilian ore coming into the Great Lakes can be shipped in at \$10 less than ore from northern Ontario. These are the problems that have to be addressed.

The fact remains that the mining industry which, when operating at full capacity employs over 200,000 men and women, did not receive any help in the Budget. We will probably not hear the Minister of State for Mines (Mr. Rompkey) address the subject in this debate because he has nothing to defend. At one point the federal Government left the impression that it actually cared about the mining industry and introduced a mineral policy discussion paper in March, 1982. We are approaching the second anniversary of the release of that paper and have seen no action or statements about what the Government will do. The Canadian mining industry has the right to be upset about this lack of concern.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. May I ask the Hon. Member to address the House orally as provided for in our rules and traditions? This is the second time I have reminded him.