

Canadian and world market. With one of the largest and highest quality salmon packs in Canadian history sitting ready for sale on the B.C. coast, the Mulroney Government has placed the marketing of the product at risk. Our international competitors will now move at great speed to displace our products, be they tuna, salmon, herring, cod, crab, lobster, clams, or any other. The possibility of contaminated or unfit products is the strongest reason for any country or consumer not to buy up a product.

Regardless of the political deals surrounding the Star-Kist horror story, the Mulroney Government has failed the interests of the Canadian public and has now likely damaged our multibillion dollar fishing industry. All tuna related to this matter should be promptly removed from sale in Canada, the Minister canned as unfit for Canadian consumption, and a major program put in place to secure the trust of our markets and the value of our products at home and abroad.

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[Translation]

SHIPBUILDING

NEED TO RETAIN FRIGATE CONTRACT IN MONTREAL

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Duvernay): Mr. Speaker, the workers at Versatile Vickers will fight "to the death" to prevent construction of two Canadian navy frigates from being transferred from Montreal to Lauzon near Quebec City, because otherwise, according to them, the shipyard on Notre-Dame Street is doomed. All the refineries in Montreal East are along Notre-Dame Street as well, and they cannot be closed down either, anymore than the shipyards, otherwise Montreal East will be shut down entirely. We must keep the frigate contract in Montreal. This contract was awarded to Vickers in Montreal in 1983. If the contract is transferred, this means that Montreal East will be losing 650 jobs for four years.

I would urge my hon. friend, the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve (Mr. Desrosiers), to keep working with the employees' union at Vickers to have the work divided fairly between the shipyards. Montreal East, with an unemployment rate of 19.5 per cent, deserves a fair chance.

Mr. Speaker, the workers can count on my full co-operation and support.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT

PROVINCES' CRITICISM OF FEDERAL POLICIES

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, it seems that the only people congratulating the Government on its employment policies are the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald), the

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Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), and the Conservative caucus. Yesterday, the provincial Ministers of Education issued a statement criticizing the Government's job strategies. The province are concerned about the reduction in funds for job creation from \$2.2 billion in 1984 to \$2.1 billion in 1985 and to \$1.9 billion in 1986, and also with the duplication of these programs by provincial programs.

Last week the Canadian Association of Mayors and Municipalities asked Canadian Governments to set up a \$12 billion fund to renew municipal infrastructure, which would create 60,000 jobs directly and 300,000 jobs indirectly. So far there has been no response. On Monday of this week a number of groups which attended the Government's Economic Summit, including 35 labour leaders and 20 social and religious organizations, said that the Government's employment practices rely too much on the private sector to create the jobs required.

The Prime Minister and the Minister take great pleasure in announcing that the unemployment rate has declined to 10.3 per cent. Who in their right mind can be content with a 10.3 per cent unemployment rate? Before the recession in 1982 the rate was 7.5 per cent, and that should be the minimum goal for the Government. We call on the Government—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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SPORTS

NEW YORK YANKEES—POOR SINGING, POOR PLAYING, POOR GEORGE

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I address an open letter to Mr. George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees:

Dear George,

I, too, am proud of the longest undefended border in the world and I consider the U.S. our greatest friend and ally, even when it comes to baseball. But as the eyes of the sporting world focused on our remarkable Toronto Blue Jays, especially during the recent four game series in New York, I became quite angry with our friends in the Big Apple.

As I tuned into the game last Saturday night along with hundreds of thousands of other Canadians, I heard the words and the music of our national anthem being butchered by some misguided singer. Strike one, George!

That didn't bother me too seriously since many Canadians don't know our anthem either, but last Sunday, before a live national TV audience, a different singer finished off the wound from Saturday night with the *coup de grâce*. He blew it as well. Strike two, George!

We have a great marketing job to do and will have that chance during the upcoming World Series. You can butcher our anthem, but you can't beat our Blue Jays. Go get 'em, Bobby Cox.

Love,

Barry

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!