

*Investment Canada Act*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Are there any questions or comments on the Hon. Member's speech?

While I am standing, I would like to bring to the attention of Hon. Members that under Standing Order 35(2), we have now entered a period in which speeches of only 10 minutes maximum will be allowed with no opportunity for questions or comments.

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)):** Mr. Speaker, this morning I was rather horrified to find out that the Hon. Members from the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party who spoke are in favour of unemployment. It appears from what they are saying that they do not want us to create jobs in this country.

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** We know why you're speaking now. We can't ask you any questions.

**Mr. Dick:** I would gladly have spoken earlier but unfortunately the Speaker recognized someone else. Perhaps the Hon. Member would like to quarrel with the Speaker, something I would not wish to do. However, I will be glad to discuss this matter with the Hon. Member and perhaps, if there is unanimous consent, questions can be asked after I speak.

I have not heard as much junk as I heard this morning in an awful long time, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly), an NDP Member, said that our Party was against immigration. When our Party was last in power for a brief period of time in 1979, which Party allowed 50,000 refugees into this country? The Hon. Member forgot to mention that. Who is trying to get people into this country now—

**Mr. Manly:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I certainly never said and did not mean to imply that the Conservative Party was against immigration. I do not think Conservative Members were listening very carefully. If I did say that, I would want to apologize and withdraw it. However, I would like to check the "blues" to be certain about what I said.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I believe the Hon. Member has made his point.

**Mr. Dick:** Mr. Speaker, he did say that. Perhaps he simply misstated his thoughts. However, we will be glad to look at the "blues". I would like to make sure it is put on the record that we encourage immigration and encourage people to come to this country to work and to fulfil their desire of beginning a new life in this country.

I would also like to speak about the words of the Hon. Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster) who said that he believed that FIRA was important and that the NEP was good. During the last election the people of this country voted in with an overwhelming majority the Party which said it wanted to change FIRA and the National Energy Program. Is the Hon. Member saying he disagrees with the Canadian people who

voted as they did? Is he saying that he wants to change it back to the way of the Liberals who did all kinds of things without any consultation which loused up this country? Is he saying he would like to go against what 50 per cent of the voters decided back on September 4?

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**Mr. Foster:** Fifty per cent voted against you, too.

**Mr. Dick:** Does the Hon. Member think that his Party's 28 per cent is more reflective of what the Canadian people want? It sounds to me as though the Liberals, again in their arrogance, do not care that the voters very clearly said that they wanted to change FIRA and the National Energy Program, and that they wanted to get Canada running again.

I would like to refer to a few events which happened in the past, Mr. Speaker. In 1973 the group of people aged 14 years to 24 years had a 9.7 per cent unemployment rate. In 1974 unemployment had risen to 10.6 per cent and it continued to rise each and every year right through the 1970s during the time the Liberal Party was in power partly because of its kind of autocratic rule and the fact that the Canadian people had lost confidence. Those Canadians with money have taken something like \$68 billion in the last eight years and invested it outside of this country. For the first time we had this massive outflow of capital. Canadians are developing the downtown core of Dallas, Texas. Canadians are buying up Florida left, right and centre. It was the Reichman brothers, Canadians, who bought seven or eight skyscrapers in New York. Canadians invested outside of Canada because they could not stand the government which the Liberals and their NDP buddies were providing this country. That is why Canadians made massive changes in their voting patterns back in September. They wanted a new start and a new chance.

I would just like to point out that for three months our Party has been talking positively about an opportunity for people to invest in this country, for foreigners to invest in this country, and that in the month of December, for the first time in years, unemployment has gone down. There were 100,000 new jobs started up.

**Mr. Riis:** What about trade?

**Mr. Manly:** What about British Columbia?

**Mr. Dick:** British Columbia? There were 100,000 jobs in Canada.

**Mr. Keeper:** How many people have given up looking for work?

**Mr. Dick:** I believe, Mr. Speaker, that that is a small modicum of success and if those Hon. Members opposite would only have the faith that the Canadian people have and go along with us for another year or two, I am very optimistic there will be many thousands of new jobs created. But the Opposition Parties bring out a red herring and ask if Canada is going to change the Canada Labour (Standards) Code. That is a hypothetical question. That is way off in the future. Some