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## FINANCE

### MAINTENANCE OF FLOW-THROUGH SHARES SYSTEM

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, in Canada's new tax reform, the flow-through shares system has been retained, which is very important for Abitibi—Témiscamingue and Québec.

On December 16, 1986, Members of the New Democratic Party and their leader (Mr. Broadbent) tabled motions in this House to do away with flow-through shares in this country. However, the Government of Canada listened to representations made by President Régis Labeaume and members of the Association des prospecteurs du Québec and by all intervenors from the mining sector, mayors, the CRDAT and federal Members for Abitibi—Témiscamingue.

I am proud of the decision made by the Minister of Finance of Canada (Mr. Wilson) and the work done by the Minister of State (Forestry and Mines) (Mr. Merrithew). I have been defending the flow-through shares system for many months, and this is a victory we have all won together, and I am particularly thankful to those who were willing to find a solution.

The New Democratic Party moved a motion aimed at doing away with the concept of flow-through shares, a vital one for the mining industry in Abitibi—Témiscamingue, and if the Government of Canada had listened to the New Democratic Party, this would have caused considerable harm to the mining industry.

I want to tell the Members of the NDP that they have lost and that Abitibi—Témiscamingue is ready for them this year, because they haven't been seen since 1984.

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[English]

## CANADA POST CORPORATION

### LETTER CARRIERS' STRIKE—REPORTED SUSPENSION OF WORKERS IN HALIFAX AND TORONTO

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a statement to make, and I am glad to see the Minister of Labour (Mr. Cadieux) in the House.

In Halifax yesterday, Canada Post suspended 70 workers for refusing to do the work normally done by letter carriers. In addition, over 10 employees in Toronto were suspended for refusing to do the work normally done by letter carriers.

Let us consider Section 184(3)(c) of the Canada Labour Code, which reads as follows:

No employer and no person acting on behalf of an employer shall suspend, discharge or impose any financial or other penalty on an employee or take any other disciplinary action against an employee by reason of his refusal to perform

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all or some of the duties and responsibilities of another employee who is participating in a strike or subjected to a lock-out.

I call upon the Minister of Labour to investigate the situation immediately and to make sure that Canada Post is living up to the provisions of the Canada Labour Code.

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## TAX REFORM

### IMPACT

**Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau):** Mr. Speaker, once again the Mulroney Government has revealed its genius by tabling its White Paper on Tax Reform.

Canadians are impressed by this dynamic initiative. Social interest groups are speechless before the courage and sense of equity of the Conservatives. We have paid particular attention to the most destitute in our society. Henceforth, 850,000 people will no longer pay income taxes. Where did the money come from? Quite simple: the rich will pay their fair share, profit-making corporations will now pay taxes, and tax havens have been eliminated.

You know what we did with the money, Mr. Speaker? No need to look very far. Nine out of ten elderly Canadians over 65 will pay fewer taxes and, on average, eight out of ten households with an income ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 will pay \$470 less. This has to be a black day for Opposition Parties. The Liberals were unable to get Quebec to join the rest of Canada, the socialists wanted to destroy our country's economy.

This Government has created 840,000 jobs, Mr. Speaker. Thanks to the Prime Minister's leadership, this figure will soon reach 1,000,000.

This is extraordinary news for my constituents of Argenteuil—Papineau because a good many of them are elderly and destitute.

I sincerely believe we have lived up to the challenge.

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## TAX REFORM

### TEN PER CENT TAX ON COMMUNICATIONS

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday in his Budget the Minister of Finance told us he intends to levy a 10 per cent tax on communications, excluding basic service. This tax on long distance calls strikes unfairly at all Canadians residing in rural areas, be they from Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, Argenteuil—Papineau or elsewhere.