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included job growth in the auto industry to our south. I will be requesting Statistics Canada to supply this breakdown of the job losses in Peterborough separate from District 52 at the earliest opportunity, in the hope that a ten-week UIC qualification period might be returned to the Peterborough federal riding.

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[Translation]

TRANSPORT

ANALYSIS OF AMENDMENTS TO CROWSNEST PASS RATE
ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I think it would be useful to let Canadians know to what extent the present Liberal Government has been analyzing proposed changes to the Crow Rate. Before Bill C-155 was tabled in the House last May, a number of consultations and meetings with the people concerned had already been held. At the second reading stage, 97 Members were given nine days to consider legislation, and they did so for 44 hours. In committee, the Bill required 31 days of work, 11 being used to travel across Canada in order to meet concerned citizens. The Committee heard 240 witnesses and 89 amendments were adopted in committee. Until last week's sitting, and we should include today's as well, about 200 speeches had been made at the report stage in the House. Opposition Members are being excessively touchy about their democratic rights when they claim that the Government is not giving them an opportunity to be heard. Canadians are prepared to have these changes adopted immediately, and I hope this will be done as soon as possible.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

JUSTIFICATION FOR UNITED STATES INVASION OF GRENADA

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, the New Democratic Party and some of the Liberal "American haters" in this House are excellent examples of the verse, "All is yellow to the jaundiced eye." Everything which is anti-American is gospel to them. For example, the Communists say, and these Members of Parliament parrot, that the Cubans and Soviets were building an airport in Grenada for tourists, that the Cubans and Soviets on the island were labourers, and that the U.S.A. initiated the invasion.

What are the facts? Well, this airport has gun racks throughout the building, even in the toilets. Some tourist attraction! And how come these Russian and Cuban labourers suddenly have rifles and anti-aircraft guns with plenty of ammunition, all Soviet made? What about the warehouse north of St. George's which was packed with Soviet made AK

47 assault rifles, hand-held RPG7 anti-aircraft weapons, and 120 mm mortars in sufficient quantity to supply a battalion for a month?

Furthermore, at least six of the Caribbean nations testified that they asked the U.S.A. to participate. Prime Minister Seaga of Jamaica has stated publicly that the invasion was just in time to stop the Soviets from carrying out early plans, and I quote, "... to turn the island into a Soviet Cuban fortress". How is it that some Hon. Members of this House cannot see that the Soviet Communists are slowly trying to get bases all over the world for the great world takeover?

Americans are fighting, and some are dying, for all freedom loving peoples. God grant that the socialists in this House will open their eyes before Canada becomes the next victim.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

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DISARMAMENT

CALL FOR SUPPORT OF PRIME MINISTER'S INITIATIVE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there can be no greater need for action in this time of international instability than the need for action to bring about a lasting and secure peace. In this Disarmament Week, Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Members, and indeed upon all Canadians, to support the efforts of the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to rally world leaders around new and creative initiatives—

Mr. Nielsen: Where is the apple?

Mr. Evans:—toward effective arms reductions. The initiative of the Prime Minister is an act of personal courage and a continuation of—

An Hon. Member: No more Cabinet shuffles this year.

Mr. Evans:—Liberal Government diplomatic initiatives in the decades since the Second World War when Lester B. Pearson announced Canada's approach to nuclear war. He stated that there is no national solution, only an international solution. The Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, is continuing the quest for a lasting international solution.

This effort is not, as the Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) would have us believe, simply "philosophical musing".

An Hon. Member: I believe that.

Mr. Evans: Rather than attempting to gain partisan political advantage by undermining the effectiveness of the Prime Minister's bold initiative, the Official Opposition should put aside their partisan rhetoric in an effort to further the cause of peace. There are no second chances, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Oh, John!