

Bathurst takeover, 1,000 jobs projected;
 Canadian Printing Industries Association, 2,100 jobs projected;
 Fiber Glass Canada, British Columbia, 180 jobs;
 Forsyth Shirts, Quebec, 170 jobs;—

An Hon. Senator: Dispense!

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Senator Perrault:

Canadian Airlines, in March, 500 jobs;
 Southam, January, 900 jobs;
 Fletcher Challenge, B.C., 420 jobs;
 Novastran, New Brunswick, 50 jobs;
 Beverage Central and Starlite, Saskatchewan, January to March, 46 jobs lost;
 Various northern Ontario sawmills, 900 jobs;
 Dofasco of northern Ontario, March, 700 jobs;
 Nortel of Brampton, Ontario, March, 100 jobs;
 Midas, 90 jobs;
 Geoffrion-Leclerc/Levesque-Beaubien, 300 jobs;
 Arnold Manufacturing of Windsor, Ontario, 100 jobs;
 Douglas Inc. of Alberta, 420 jobs;
 Duo-Matic/Olsen Inc., Tilbury, Ontario, November, 59 jobs;
 John Deere Limited of Welland, Ontario, December, January, February, March, 161 jobs lost;
 Lear Siegler Industries Ltd. of Kitchener, Ontario, January, 199 jobs;
 Libbey St. Clair Inc., Wallaceburg, Ontario, December, 123 jobs;
 Libbey-Owens-Ford of Canada Ltd., Lindsay, Ontario, January, 187 jobs;
 Trailmobile Group, Brantford, Ontario, November, 111 jobs;
 Greening Donald Co. Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario, December and January, 3 jobs;
 Samsonite (Division of E-11 Consumer Products), Stratford, Ontario, November and December, 86 jobs;
 Andrew McNiece Limited, Cambridge, Ontario, November and December, 56 jobs;
 Atwell Fleming/Young Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, December, 55 jobs;
 Canron Inc., St. Thomas, Ontario, November, 104 jobs;
 Cecutti's Bakeries Ltd., Sudbury, Ontario, January, 113 jobs;
 Drug Trading Company Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario, November, 62 jobs;
 Ford Motor Company of Canada, Windsor, Ontario, December, 180 jobs;
 Fruehauf Canada, Mississauga, Ontario, December, 74 jobs;

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Long Manufacturing Ltd. of Oakville, Ontario, March, 278 jobs lost;

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., Thunder Bay, Ontario, January and February, 85 jobs;

Monarch Fine Foods, Scarborough, Ontario, March, 66 jobs;

Nu-Kote Canada Inc., Scarborough, Ontario, November, 119 jobs.

An Hon. Senator: That's terrible!

Senator Perrault: He's laughing! Tories are laughing. It is not funny to the people laid off. The humour escapes the unemployed.

Then we have the notice in the Speech from the Throne, the clear message that unemployment insurance benefits are going to be reduced and changed.

An Hon. Senator: Is this Question Period?

Senator Perrault: The key words are that we are always going to make unemployment insurance "more efficient" and "more meaningful". Translation? A reduction in payments to the people least able to afford those reductions.

Square D Canada Electrical Equipment, Arnprior, Ontario, November, 70 jobs;

The Great A & P Co. Ltd., North Bay, Ontario, November, 521 jobs;

Amway Corporation, Toronto, March, 80 jobs.

The list goes on and on and on. I will not bore you with more names. However, let me tell you this: I had a telephone call two weeks ago in Vancouver in which I was told that an electronics manufacturer in Nanaimo was going out of business, and, like the honourable senators on both sides of this chamber, I am concerned about the industries of my province. I telephoned them and I said, "I am sorry to hear you are going out of business." "Oh," I was told, "we are not going out of business. We are moving everything down to Arkansas. We are going to move it all down to Arkansas."

In the four months since the election over 25,000 Canadians have been laid off or told that their jobs will be going soon. This is as many as the trade deal is supposed to produce each year, according to the Finance Department projections. Canadians have still seen very few job gains since the trade deal was signed.

I should like to give honourable senators the background of the figures that I have recited. Some of these figures are projected, as I noted when I read them to you. Some of them are not tied directly to the trade deal because the case is too tenuous to make.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh!

Senator Perrault: No. I am being fair with you. Some of the job losses and projected losses are directly connected. For some of them there is no positive evidence. Certain managements will say, "This is a rationalization to improve our competitiveness." However, the fact is that there have been all of these jobs lost in provinces from coast to coast, in communities