

We are talking basically about job creation. A rule of thumb for judging any measure that the Government puts forward is its effect on job creation in the country. That is the bottom line. What is the measure which is presently before us going to do to create more jobs in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan? What will the outcome of this be? I do not see any indication that there will be more jobs created as a result of the implementation of this measure.

If the Government was really serious about job creation, it would not have been as extreme as it was in the cut-backs that it made. Indeed, many of those have been reversed already, such as the cut-backs in environmental funding. If the policy of the Government was job creation, it would not have embarked willy-nilly across the country with an uneven hand in the cut-backs that it made. That sort of thing affects the areas of the country which are most dependent on government support through programs and policies.

Instead of bringing forward a measure such as this, the Government should not have made the cut-backs. I hope the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will take cognizance of that in the upcoming Budget, rather than treating Atlantic Canada to the same kind of disastrous economic measures that we had in the last Budget. The bottom line is job creation, particularly jobs for Canadians by Canadian firms.

That is why I take a great deal of pleasure in supporting the amendment which we have put forward. The amendment says in effect that the present Bill contains no specific means for the Minister to encourage Canadian investment at all. It merely contains generalities. The only specifics are with regard to review and notification. That is a truth which the Government does not want to recognize. We believe that there must be more provision and encouragement for investment by Canadian firms and more protection of existing Canadian firms which are having a difficult time. That is why I take great pleasure in supporting the amendment to this particular Bill that my Party has put before the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): The question is on Motion No. 1 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Pursuant to Standing Order 79(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 2 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon).

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Pursuant to Standing Order 79(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

Motions Nos. 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

I believe Mr. Speaker mentioned this morning that there was a point of order regarding Motion No. 14. He has taken cognizance of it and has reserved his decision on Motion No. 14.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry) moved:

Motion No. 4

That Bill C-15, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 12 to 15 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"4. The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act and the provision of policy direction to the Agency established by section 6."

[*Translation*]

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry) moved:

Motion No. 6

That Bill C-15, be amended in Clause 5 by striking out lines 20 to 22 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"(b) assist Canadian businesses to exploit opportunities for investment and technological advancement and find Canadian buyers wherever possible to purchase businesses of value to Canada;"

[*English*]

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry) moved:

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-15, be amended in Clause 5 by striking out lines 23 to 25 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor: