

*Oral Questions*

because the only one who has really had experience with that kind of deal is my hon. friend. But I take in good faith the suggestions that he is making.

The minister has tried to make the point time and time again across the country that the document which will be tabled hopefully early next week by the government will be the beginning of the process and not the end. We think it is a sensible document and a sensible approach, but we are inviting constructive criticisms.

**Mr. Chrétien:** You are learning.

**Mr. Mulroney:** My hon. friend says that I am learning. I hope so, I hope so. Most people of various kinds try to learn as they go along in life. That is something I recommend to my hon. friend, the Leader of the Opposition. It is not bad.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Mulroney:** We look forward to constructive ideas from the NDP, from the Liberals, and from all other people in this country who believe in Canada and who believe in one Canada; not one English and not one French and not French hived off into certain parts and not the west against the east. One Canada solidly united and prosperous, that is what we all want.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

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**THE ECONOMY**

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada today reported that Canadian family incomes grew by 34 per cent in the sixties, 22 per cent in the seventies, but less than 1 per cent in the decade of the eighties despite world-wide prosperity.

This government's high tax and high interest rate policies stole from Canadians real improvement in their financial situation and created massive unemployment.

Is this what the Prime Minister meant when he said he would impose prosperity on all parts of Canada?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member looks at the study, she will learn that the Statistics Canada study uses as a point of comparison the incomes of families prior to the 1981-1982 recession.

As a matter of fact what has happened since 1984 is that there has been real growth in family income at the rate of 2 per cent per annum and that is continuing.

With the economic policies that we are following, not policies of inflation but policies of prosperity, competitiveness, and growth, we will not only sustain that level of growth we will probably exceed it.

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, amazing exaggerations and a lack of understanding of what Statistics Canada said.

You are always busy blaming someone else for the insensitive approach you have taken.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would ask the hon. member to put her question through the Chair.

[*Translation*]

**Mrs. Finestone:** In Quebec, 700,000 people are unemployed!

Does the Prime Minister agree with his Minister of Transport, his minister responsible for the Montreal area, who said yesterday that nothing could be done for Montreal and that it was up to the people of Montreal to create their own jobs? Is that what he means by a policy for prosperity?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the—

**Mrs. Finestone:** In French!

**Mr. Mulroney:** The hon. member says I should answer in French. But of course!

I can inform the hon. member for Mount Royal that thanks to a decision made by this government and rejected by the Official Opposition here and in the Senate on two occasions, we passed Bill C-22. I will be in Montreal on Monday to announce 300 new jobs and investments totalling \$200 million, which will directly benefit the pharmaceutical industry and research and development in Montreal.

This is only one example of the thousands of new jobs being created in Quebec and across Canada, thanks to the policies pursued by this government. I would like to mention the aerospace industry and the petrochemical industry—the Liberals voted thumbs down, as they always do—patents and the pharmaceutical industry, where they also voted against the government.