

sales because of the international competition the company has had to face.

Perhaps the Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce can tell us why he takes great pride, as the minister responsible for FIRA, in the sad tale of Irwin-Dorsey Ltd. of Canada, a subsidiary of an Illinois Company. For those who are not familiar with the situation, this company employed 25 people in the Georgetown area of Ontario. It was doing about \$5 million worth of sales largely in the textbook field, but Irwin-Dorsey had the misfortune of having its parent taken over by Dow Jones of New York.

As a result of Dow Jones of New York taking over the American parent, FIRA was triggered and was asked to pass on whether there should be a divestment of the Canadian subsidiary as a result of the change of ownership from one American to another American. In brief, FIRA was asked to find that there was a bad American coming in to control this company and presumably replace a good American. The American company fought the FIRA decision triggered by the then secretary of state. I see the secretary of state who made the decision is here in the House. He said that he did not think it was right to have a foreign ownership component in that company.

The decision was fought all the way to the Supreme Court. The FIRA decision was upheld and guess what is happening. The factory will be closed by December 31. The books will be shipped into Canada with no customs paid from Illinois. Through that minister's absolute bungling he has told 25 Canadians that they are no longer entitled to work in Canada because he prefers to have Americans doing their job instead of them.

To make matters worse, the minister is telling companies such as Mitsui, which is the thirty-ninth largest company in Canada doing \$1.5 billion worth of business here and employing 140 people, that if they want to open up factories or other facilities in Canada, a lot of red tape has to be gone through, but if they want to continue producing their goods in foreign countries and shipping them to Canada, they are welcome.

To put \$1.5 billion into perspective, Dofasco does exactly the same amount of business in Canada and employs 14,100 people compared to the 140 employed by Mitsui. In spite of this, we have a minister telling us that we have an industrial strategy in place. If it is an industrial strategy, it is a tragedy.

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PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions

Job Creation

to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon)—Canadian Armed Forces—Possible participation in Sinai Desert peace-keeping operation. (b) Request for details of proposed participation; the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie)—Railways—Pensions of retired workers. (b) Reported purchase of Gulf Oil stock by Canadian National Railways pension fund; the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis)—The Constitution—Provision respecting mandatory retirement.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—CONDEMNATION OF LACK OF
BUDGETARY JOB-CREATION MEASURES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Deans:

That this House condemns the government's budget for (a) not introducing new job-creation measures in the light of the largest number of pre-Christmas lay-offs experienced since the Depression (b) the complete rejection of an effective industrial strategy to provide long-term jobs and thus a cynical reversal of the government's election promises.

Mr. Rémi Bujold (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to take part in this debate today, but I would first like to point out that I am the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) and that you probably took me for another of my colleagues whom I must look like.

Before getting to the heart of the matter, Mr. Speaker, I would like to reply to some of the comments made by the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens). I think that even though he was here on the evening of the budget, his mind was probably somewhere else. Since he spoke about the deficits of the Liberal government which he predicted will be enormous and near disastrous, I urge him to go back and read the speech made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) on November 12. I can even tell him what page of *Hansard* to look up, page 12726, and he will find that during the 1980-81 fiscal year, we effectively reduced the budgetary deficit by about \$2 billion.

Mr. Speaker, I simply do not understand why our friends opposite take pleasure in trying to exaggerate the present economic crisis by quoting figures that are often unfounded and by attempting to ridicule the very significant proposals made by this government to create employment in the have-not regions and to take very concrete measures to counter our current difficulties. I would go even further, Mr. Speaker,