

who risk their lives, who get up early, work that extra hour and walk that extra mile. They have to be rewarded, not penalized.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mulroney: That says it all. The entrepreneurial spirit has just about been extinguished in this nation, that little bit of genius in all of us which causes us to go out, build our communities and regions, build a better country, look after our families and give better opportunities to our children. It is all part of the vision of a country.

I remember when I was a kid growing in Baie Comeau. After working in a papermill all day my father would go out and work another four hours every night. He had a second job. The reason was because my mother needed the money for the six kids. My mother would keep three hours of that and one would go to the government. If my dad were alive today, he wouldn't do that because three hours would go to the government and one would be left over for my mother. That is what is wrong with the system. That is what is wrong with Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mulroney: We have opportunities lost, we have sadness and we have sorrow. The soul of this nation has been scarred. People are constantly referred to as statistics. They are not statistics; they are hopes and dreams of better tomorrows that have been dashed. Entire segments of our country are totally neglected. We almost take a vicarious pride in dreaming up new names for them—visible minorities, working mothers and working women. There are human tragedies unfolding every day and the Government seems to care to the extent humanly possible. I know it might be difficult. I say this in genuine extraction of any partisanship. I tell you, as do some of the most expert observers of the Liberal Party, it does happen that a government sits too long. It does become exhausted, as they say, and bankrupt of ideas.

There is new hope, new vision, new promise and new opportunity coming. We are going to get back to some of the fundamentals without which you cannot run a civilized society. We will form a government that believes in having a climate where people can grow, share and be rewarded for their work and not be penalized.

[*Translation*]

There is also—and I am about to conclude, Mr. Speaker—the obligation to show tenderness towards underprivileged Canadians. It is an altogether sacrosanct obligation towards the poor, the underprivileged and the elderly. It is also an absolutely essential aspect of our national character.

[*English*]

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, with some sadness, I wish I could summon more generous words of praise for the Government after three and one-half years of effort, but I find I cannot. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the Address be amended by adding the following words:

The Address—Mr. Trudeau

"This House regrets to inform Your Excellency that your Government is incapable of providing leadership and direction in the social and economic affairs of the nation and has lost the confidence of this House and of the Canadian people and therefore requires that an election be called in accordance with the Canadian custom, practice and tradition of holding a general election at least every four years".

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, this House stands adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, I see that the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. Mulroney) is returning to the Chamber. I understand that it is possible within the rules to have a 10-minute question and answer period following the speeches. I have a question I would like to ask of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition about the remarks he made earlier this morning. I noticed that he made—

Mr. Thacker: That's out of order.

Mr. Blaikie: No, it is not out of order. The Leader of the Opposition made reference to the question of funding of medicare. I would like to ask him—

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I suppose you will seek the advice of the table officers and tell the House whether following the Leader of the Official Opposition's and the Right Hon. Prime Minister's interventions, a ten-minute question period would be in order. Our Standing Order is not clear on this issue. When it refers to a ten-minute question period, it is after speeches of 20 minutes duration. As the Leader of the Opposition and the Right Hon. Prime Minister may speak for an unlimited time I should like you to make your position clear on this issue, that we may know where we stand in the future.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member rises on a point of order—

[*English*]

I shall quote from Standing Order 42(7) which reads as follows:

Following the speech of each Member a period not exceeding ten minutes shall be made available—

That is strictly according to the rules. There has, however, been a practice of extending a courtesy which has normally been extended and this question period has been waived. However, according to the rules, the Hon. Member has the right to pose a question.