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jobs in the last year alone eliminated as a result of this government's particular policies.

I ask members on the government side of the House who value their political future, those members who like to feel that they have a little independence, to listen to their constituents when they tell them that they have reached zero tax tolerance.

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You had better listen to your constituents, Mr. Della Noce, because if you are here to support the GST, come election time you will realize that you will suffer a tremendous prejudice. And I ask the same question to all Hon. Members.

**Mr. Pierre H. Vincent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The hon. member for Trois-Rivières on a point of order.

**Mr. Vincent:** Mr. Speaker, I am amazed to see the hon. member for Hamilton East call other hon. members by name in the House. After six years in this place, she should know that members are to be referred to by riding.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The hon. member for Hamilton East has 30 seconds left.

**Ms Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. He changed ridings. I thought he wanted to stay there. His new riding is Laval-Est. I urge the hon. member for Laval-Est to believe his constituents when they tell him that they have had their fill of taxes. If he wants to get reelected, he should at least listen to his constituents. I heard him say on a Montreal radio station the other day that he was there to fight alongside the Quebec caucus, that he was going to tell the Prime Minister that the GST was too much and that the government policy was— When the time comes to speak on the issue and vote, I urge you to vote with us. That way, the Prime Minister will get the message.

**Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The hon. member for Laval-Est on a point of order.

**Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot help but respond to my colleague about what she claims I said on the radio. She should quote what I said in the interview I gave on air not far from the office of her colleague the member for Saint-Léonard, where I said that I was the one who would represent my constituents, not the senators because they never attended a social function. I never saw one!

**Hon. Jean J. Charest (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues in this House will allow me to take a moment of our precious time to congratulate you on your appointment to this new role. This is the first opportunity I have to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I listened with interest to my colleague from Hamilton-East who referred a few times to the concept of leadership. I could not help noticing because she is just back from a long leadership race within her party which, unfortunately, she did not win. Someone else was elected as leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

I found it interesting because I feel that, as a matter of fact, a number of issues we have to deal with in this country at the present time, including the proposed GST, relate to leadership. I can tell you forthwith, Mr. Speaker, that I personally find what is happening in the Senate appalling. It is unacceptable! No democrat can allow such actions on the part of a non-elected Senate dominated by federal Liberals.

Unfortunately, as we speak, Mr. Speaker, the population does not realize how outrageous the present actions of the federal Liberals are and is not aware of their possible consequences on democracy.

Canada is one of the few countries going backwards. While the Eastern Bloc is becoming more democratic in Canada, the federal Liberals are turning back the hands of time. This is incredibly outrageous! I denounce that vigorously, Mr. Speaker.

I should like to direct a question to my very articulate colleague, the hon. member for Hamilton East, concerning her involvement in the leadership race. I would like to know what position she took on the GST during the leadership race, because her new leader, Mr. Chrétien, did make some remarks about it during the leadership race, as reported in an article in the *Ottawa Citizen* of October 13, 1990. It refers to Mr. Chrétien under the headline 'Who's in charge?', with a question mark, for sure. I recommend that article to people who are interested because it asks who is in charge of the Liberal