

EMPLOYMENT

EFFECT OF BUDGET

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, the main concern of Canadians is jobs, and yesterday the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) stated that the Budget's priority goal is jobs for Canadians.

In order to stimulate the investment needed to create those jobs, the Budget proposes a lifetime capital gains tax exemption of half a million dollars for every Canadian, measures to encourage greater investment in small business by pension funds, and a 100 per cent annual tax credit refund for qualifying research and development on the first \$2 million of expenditures.

These measures, together with the Western Energy Accord, are aimed at promoting economic growth and creating jobs in the three areas of the economy most likely to result in the greatest and fastest response, small business, research and development, and the petroleum industry. The capital gains exemption, for example, should give small business a boost to expand. There are over 700,000 small businesses in Canada. If each of them can create just two jobs, our unemployment problem will be entirely solved.

Since the Government took office on September 4, over 200,000 new jobs have been created. There are still 1.4 million people looking for work. We must and we can do better. That is the Budget's primary objective, to create permanent jobs and get our country moving again.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, it is that time again, the time we have all been waiting for. I am pleased to present the Patronage Award of the Week, the PAW award. I know that many of the little piglets are looking forward to this. To those who are still waiting for the bacon, I say don't make a ham of yourself and just check every three hours with the Prime Minister's Office to see if you have been called to the trough. For bringing outstanding qualifications needed to fill their new appointments, the nominees for this week's award are:

Mr. Nunziata: William Hawkins.

Mr. Boudria: William Hawkins, a Conservative fund raiser appointed to the Textile and Clothing Board, who still has no idea why he was appointed.

Mr. Nunziata: Gayle Christie.

Mr. Boudria: Gayle Christie, the Duchess of York, appointed to the Board of Air Canada, who said she knew how to drive a car.

Mr. Nunziata: Marie Marchand.

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Mr. Boudria: Marie Marchand of North Bay, who said that she was qualified because her grandfather was a well-known railroader in the Maritimes. Could I have the envelope, please. The patronage award this week is given to Marie Marchand.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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GOVERNMENT FUNDING INITIATIVE

Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, it has become a tradition over the past two weeks in this House to follow the charge of the rodent brigade with a Survivor of the Week Award, but a major government initiative came out yesterday, and we thought perhaps they might be a little more responsible and a little more serious today. We do not have a survivor award today, and I do have a few words about our major initiative yesterday.

Today is the day for all Canadians to be proud of the Government.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Schellenberg: Eight months ago the country voted overwhelmingly for change, for new direction, for better management, for fiscal responsibility and, above all, Canadians voted for jobs. Since September 201,000 jobs have been created, 89,000 in April alone.

Ms. Coppins: Where are they?

Mr. Schellenberg: Sheila, did anybody ever tell you that you are beautiful when you are angry?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Schellenberg: The Government recently allocated \$900 million for private sector and community-based job creation programs, another \$900 million to this innovative approach to job creation.

Do you know, Mr. Speaker, what is going to happen in Question Period, as if you don't know? First, the same group who defeated the realistic Crosbie Budget in 1979 will get up and try to do the same thing again. They are not going to do it. Those negative nellies are not going to do it. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner), from Howe Street, or Bay Street, wherever he is from, will give us some of the same destructive criticism that his finance critic gave us yesterday. That is irresponsible, Mr. Speaker. Canadian citizens demand more.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member's time has expired.