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captain and the crew have to go down. It doesn't really matter, we are going to stay the course.

It is imperative that an election come forward as soon as possible, because people say they do not want them to stay the course; they do not want them to get the fundamentals right, they want to change direction. They do not agree with their fundamentals.

I have to give the government credit for sticking with what it believes. I happen to believe it is totally incorrect, but it is certainly consistent.

My friends to the right are terribly inconsistent. The member says they stand for everything. Exactly. That is the Liberal stance. When they are in government perhaps they will agree with the friends across the aisle, but right now I think they agree with us. I have to give the government credit for consistency.

My colleague from Comox—Alberni talked about Tommy Douglas's famous analogy of the black cats and the white cats. The black cats come in and they bring in policy that is of no benefit at all to the average Canadian. The Liberals, they are a different colour cat, but they come in with the same kind of policy. On occasion, the cats get together and say: "They don't like the black cats and they don't like the white cats, maybe we should accept some spotted cats—black cats with white spots or white cats with black spots." However, the policy is not good for the people because they remain mice. If the people are mice, cats pass legislation that is good for cats and not good for mice. This Tommy Douglas analogy never ever loses its impact upon people.

I was looking at the legislation the government has passed and wondering what we had here. We have the GST and we know the fiasco that was; free trade, we know what happened as a result of that. Probably some of the jobs—and many of them were—lost in the manufacturing sector were lost because of the recession, but nevertheless the bottom line is there are hundreds of thousands of jobs gone, jobs that will never come back. So we will expand that to Mexico and beyond that.

The member across asks what is wrong with that. What is wrong with it is going to South America and not improving the standards of any of the workers, that is what is wrong with it. Everybody is for free trade as long as the standards of the people who are involved in the trade agreement are increased.

This government has capped transfer payments to the provinces. We have an airline tragedy, a crisis. We had a crisis in train transportation a couple of years ago. We have an attack on our social assistance programs. Medicare is under attack. Family allowances are under attack. We are under attack with the clawback provision. All these programs were under attack and the government won that battle, it killed them completely. Now we have unlimited deregulation of drug prices, Bill C-91.

We have to change the direction of government. A change of direction would be brought about by an election. The people want an opportunity to clear the air. In the United States people are feeling good. They feel better now that the Bush style is gone, the Reagan style is gone, the Thatcher style is gone. People are rebuking that kind of economic policy for their countries and Canada will also rebuke this government.

Once in awhile the government says: "We have created a lot of jobs. We have created thousands of jobs". I want to point out that 91 per cent of the jobs created in 1990 were service-oriented. I have nothing against service oriented jobs, they are wonderful, but at the same time a country requires a manufacturing base. The Tories are killing the manufacturing base of this country, in particular in the province of Ontario which once was a very proud and wealthy province. This government has had a great deal to do with the demise of Ontario's success.

There is no fish in this country, there is no work in this country, there is no direction in this country, there is no leadership in this country, there are no new ideas, there is no confidence, there is no credibility, and most of all there is no hope. The only thing that will restore hope to the country would be an election and you people are going to have to be removed from government.

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)): Madam Speaker, it is no wonder that people in this country are losing respect for politicians, if they turn on the tube and listen to the kind of nonsense we just heard from the hon. member opposite.

When we talk about what is happening to the economy, when we talk about the half-truths that they speak all the time, this is where the problems really come. The