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I do not know what the member from Calgary does when she goes out and talks to the people, whether she listens or not, but if she listens she will know that this is what the Canadian people are saying. That is one reason we have such high unemployment in Canada, particularly in Ontario. Every week, week after week, we have an announcement of a plant closing and moving to the United States.

Now the government wants to expand the free trade agreement to include Mexico with the North American free trade agreement, called NAFTA. Plants have already moved to the United States. Now plants will close here and move to Mexico where the job rates are very low, where environmental standards are basically non-existent, where the social programs are very archaic compared to our programs.

The Conservatives are selling out our country; they are selling out our soul; and they are selling out our jobs. They are selling them out for a small price to the United States and pretty soon to Mexico. The time has come for our country to take control of its own destiny, to abrogate the free trade agreement, to not proceed with NAFTA, to come out in Parliament with a national plan of how to put Canadians back to work.

That is not happening in this budget. That is why the chief government Whip had the courage to get up in Calgary the other day and say that this budget is a disgrace. In my days in Parliament, it is not very often when a cabinet minister or chief government Whip will, a few days after a budget, get up and say: "I disagree with the budget, there is no vision here, there is no plan here and this budget indeed is a disgrace".

We have a chance to do things like no other country in the world. We have the resources and the people. We have a country that is blessed with many resources and great abilities to do great things in the 21st century. If we do not take control of our own country and set the priorities again where we have a national dream, where we have a national vision and where we work together east and west, we are going to lose this country entirely. So much of our country now is north and south.

No Prime Minister has changed this country as radically as the present Prime Minister and the government across the way through privatization, deregulation, free trade with the United States and now with Mexico and with the GST. The vision of the Conservative Party in terms of what this country should be is nothing more

than the Republican Party north. That is exactly where this party across the way stands.

Hugh Segal, the former chief of staff of the Prime Minister said: "In this party, the Conservative Party, we are all Mulroney Conservatives". It does not matter who the new leader is, a Conservative is a Conservative is a Conservative. Be it the Minister of Justice or the Minister of the Environment, it will be the same old policies with a new face. That is why the people this summer or next fall should say no to the Conservative Party and say yes to a new government in this country.

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Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I was listening to my colleague from Saskatchewan and I can tell him that yes, I do listen to the people in the riding. I will tell him what they are telling me. It is that there should have been more cuts. Yes, we do have a vision of this country. It is a vision that will take us into the next century so we can compete globally. There have been major changes.

I want to get to the basics. There is only one taxpayer, whether that taxpayer is paying municipal taxes, provincial taxes or federal taxes. There are no new taxes within the finance minister's budget.

Also, over the five-year fiscal period, there are \$30.7 billion worth of cuts. Those were done with regard to discretionary spending that the House has at its disposal. We did not touch the \$67.4 billion going out in transfer payments to either people or to other levels of governments.

That is about 60 per cent to 65 per cent of all our budgetary expenditures. This takes into consideration OAS, UI benefit payments, EPF, CAP and equalization payments. They are a very important part of the social security system.

This government is not going to act unilaterally. We are going to work with our provincial counterparts and the people of Canada. In the finance minister's budget he said May 30 and 31 were the days that he would sit down with his colleagues in the provinces.

I have some questions for my friend from Saskatchewan. Where is the rebate for the Ontario sales tax, if he is complaining about the GST? He has a jobs plan within his party. Where is he going to receive the funds for that without increasing the taxes or the deficit?