

over the three-year period will result in \$4 billion of tax revenue taken out of the economy. The elimination of the standard \$100 deduction over a three-year period will result in some \$400 million being extracted. The deindexation of the child tax credit income threshold over the three-year period will amount to \$700 million. The deindexation of child exemption will result in the removal of \$250 million. Making the Canadian Ownership Special Charge permanent will amount to roughly \$3 billion over the next three years. This represents an extraction of some \$9 billion in order to pay for the Government's make-work programs, the puffery and fluffery and porkbarrelling such as we have seen in the House in the course of the last few weeks. There is nothing in the Budget to increase consumer demand.

Third, there is nothing in the Budget that will stimulate investment in this country by creating a more positive and conducive climate toward investment, both domestic and foreign. As a matter of fact, I think we all recognize that there are some structural problems within our economy. There are some industrial structural problems that will require huge investments of capital. There must be more investment in research and development and an increased percentage of productivity which will require huge expenditures of investment capital. That investment capital will not be realized unless a climate of confidence is created in this country.

It is interesting to note that in the *Daily Commercial News* dated November 8, a New York analyst says that foreign investors await a new government, not a new Liberal government but a brand-new government. The article indicates:

Foreign investors are waiting for a change in government in Ottawa before returning to Canada in a big way, a New York investment analyst said last week.

He went on to say:

If Brian Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives take power, 'I think you will see an immediate change in investor attitude,' said Reinhardt.

**An Hon. Member:** Pick what you want from the newspapers.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Some newspapers speak the truth, Mr. Speaker. My hon. friend across the way does not like some of these quotations but the facts must speak for themselves.

That is an attitude which prevails in this country. The fact is that there has been a net outflow of investment capital of roughly \$16.7 billion during the last four years, both domestic and foreign. That money should be spent here in Canada to generate jobs, improve our competitive ability and eliminate the structural deficiencies. There is nothing in the Budget which provides any assurance that that can happen.

That fact relates very closely to the fourth point that is not addressed in the Budget. It is mentioned but it is not dealt with in a comprehensive way. It concerns measures to improve competitiveness and productivity. I submit that that is closely tied to the ability to encourage investors, domestic and foreign, to invest in this country.

I suggest there is very little in the Budget for the 1.5 million or probably two million people who are unemployed and have been standing on the sidelines for far too long. In fact, there

are 193,000 fewer people employed today than at the start of the recession, in spite of all the Government's make-work programs. There are close to two million people in this country who have been standing on the sidelines and not participating. As a result they are losing any confidence in the system and there is no hope, optimism or promise.

It is more than simply an economic problem. It is a very major social problem, shameful social problem that has not been addressed by this Budget. What promise does the Budget provide? My colleague from St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) put these figures before the House and I think they should be repeated. The projection is for 1.4 million people unemployed this year, 1.3 million unemployed in 1985, 1.2 million unemployed in 1986 and 1.1 million unemployed in 1987. That certainly does not provide much faith, hope and confidence or do very much to raise the level of pride and dignity of these people who have been unemployed and standing on the sidelines. Those figures are simply not sufficient and one must really question their accuracy. While there was to be a deficit of approximately \$11.8 billion in this fiscal year, there is a deficit of \$31.5 billion. The Government is out by \$20 billion. It is just a small mistake. It shows that we cannot rely upon the projections that are made in this Budget.

What hope does the Budget give to the thousands upon thousands of small businesses that have gone bankrupt over the last four years or to the farmers and fishermen? In 1983, 488 farmers went bankrupt, which is a 400 per cent increase from the year 1979. What hope is there for those people in this budget? Even that does not tell the true story because there is probably another 10 per cent who have voluntarily liquidated or gone out of business. There is nothing in the Budget to inspire confidence, hope and promise for farmers and fishermen.

More than 100,000 Canadians have individually declared bankruptcy since the Government was returned to office four years ago. What hope is there for these poor individuals who have lost their homes, their business, their jobs and all the material goods they have owned? This is a human tragedy. These are not simply human statistics; it is a tragedy.

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The Speech from the Throne is really a litany of things that should be done but will not be done. It is an acknowledgment of the fact that this government has been a failure over the last four years. As I said and I repeat, there is nothing in this Budget to restore hope, promise and confidence, or to restore the pride and dignity of the people who have been standing on the sidelines for far too long in this land of ours.

The only positive development that has occurred during that last little while is the announcement of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to resign. In my part of the country this day would be referred to as "day five" of recovery because most Canadians in my part of the country are relieved that the Prime Minister has decided to pack it in. Let me read some of the headlines from the western papers. The first one reads: "Happy PET packs it in". The headline in *The Edmonton Sun*