

### Supply

I was reading the newspaper "Le Droit" and I saw a headline: "All talk, no action". I am referring to an editorial by journalist Alain Dexter, which appeared in the weekend edition. He was referring to the Government of Canada in connection with acid rain and said: "All talk, no action".

Mr. Speaker, I think this is an appropriate slogan for the new Government of Canada and its Prime Minister: "All talk and no action", because the Progressive Conservative Party's 338 election promises are certainly far from being kept, and I have no hesitation in saying right now that they will never be kept in the four years to come. All we have to do is look at what has been done, starting with the Throne Speech, and then the economic message by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), to realize that this Government has already aligned itself with certain groups in our society, to the detriment of those Canadians who are in need and constitute the most disadvantaged groups in our society. If anyone asked me what kind of favorites this Government plays, I would say without hesitation that this Progressive Conservative Government, this Mulroney Government, plays favorites with big business and more particularly, with the oil companies.

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If we read the economic message carefully, in page after page the Minister of Finance focussed almost exclusively on energy questions, not for the benefit of Canadian consumers but for the benefit of the multinationals which are being given additional grants and additional concessions. And who is going to pay? Canadian consumers, who will have to pay more for gas and oil in the months and years to come. This Government had raised a lot of hope and paid close attention to the people of Canada, this Government had stated that job creation would be its first priority, yet this same Government has just shown through budget cutbacks that it will create unemployment rather than jobs for Canadians.

This morning, I listened to the Hon. Member for Chambly (Mr. Grisé), his maiden speech in the House. And what did the Member for Chambly say? He told us that the Government has a three-prong action plan: first, lower the deficit, second, ask the private sector to create jobs and, third, invite foreign investors to spur our economy.

Closer examination of those three points reveals that the Canadian Government has given up altogether on its responsibilities. It expects others to create jobs and launch the economic recovery. Not only will the Government fail to create jobs but, as a result of its drastic cutbacks in several departments, it will create unemployment directly by making Canadian public servants lose their jobs and, indirectly, by depriving Canadian institutions of the grants they had become used to, which they were entitled to and which they were given before by the Liberal Government.

Quite obviously, Mr. Speaker, the Government has switched priorities, anxious as it is to lower the deficit. That is what

leading businessmen and major corporations have been saying for years to the Canadian Government, and that is what they told us when we were in office: Cut the deficit.

I have never seen an ordinary worker, an ordinary citizen, somebody we refer to as the man in the street urge the Government to cut the deficit. Never! But I have seen many business leaders, businessmen and major corporation executives tell the Government to cut the deficit. Well, now, the first priority of the Progressive Conservative Government, its first measure is not to give jobs to those who need them. No, its first priority is to reduce the deficit, to make ordinary Canadians suffer even more just to please the corporate sector. That is why I say that the favourable prejudice of the Mulroney Government benefits the corporate sector to the detriment of ordinary Canadians. We in the Official Opposition will work hard and tirelessly to force the Government to keep the election promises it made this past summer and in early September. We will make sure that people across the land come to understand and recognize this Government's true character, this new character that clearly will honour some commitments to the large multinational corporations but will not help all those whom they had promised to help during the election campaign.

We are now convinced that this will be detrimental to this country's poor, to the co-operative groups that are cut from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's programs. It will be detrimental to the Canadian workers who welcomed the passing of the Canadian Labour Code Amendment Bill just before the Houses adjourned, and who now hear from the new Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight) that time will be needed to draft the regulations and that the new amendments to the Canadian Labour Code will not become effective before a couple of years.

Mr. Speaker, this proves one thing. It proves that this Tory Government is not lending its ears to women and workers who were the main beneficiaries of the amendments to the Canadian Labour Code. This Government lends its ears to large corporations, to business people. Those bankers, those spokesmen for the Canadian Bankers' Association and the major Canadian manufacturers have told the Minister of Labour: "Sit on the regulations, wait before you put into force that Act which was passed by the previous Government. Take your time drafting the Regulations." And this Tory Government, with an ear of course for these businessmen and bankers, has shelved as far away as possible the drafting of the new regulations relating to the Canadian Labour Code.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I suggest this is not good enough. It is sheer irresponsibility for the new Government not to draft as a priority the regulations under the Canadian Labour Code amendments. This amounts to penalizing thousands of Canadian women who need those new regulations in order to have justice on the market place. This amounts to penalizing thousands of Canadian workers employed in businesses under the