

never made such a statement, as I feel much sympathy for people out of work.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, it is not sympathy that is needed but jobs, when the hon. member will start working at it, he will create jobs, and then he will not have the problem he has in his own riding which also exists everywhere else in Canada.

Use the vast human resources—

Mr. Marceau: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): The hon. member will have an opportunity to speak later on. His time has not come yet. Let him listen. Some would be better to listen more often instead of burbling.

Let us use our vast human resources! As I said earlier, they try to destroy individual initiative, to penalize people by every available means; therefore, it is about time to move into a new direction. We can still hope since there will be a federal election within 10, 12, 15 or 18 months, that the government will finally decide, after announcing it day after day, month after month, to remove those anti-inflation measures which have been a real failure. It is to be hoped as well that before the next election, the government will finally inject some funds into small business. At that time we shall continue our work, namely to get the people to understand that they should not expect too much from this government, that Canadians themselves should prepare projects, work with a view to create jobs at home, and then, the government will have no choice but to follow suit. This is what we did during the election campaign and this is the kind of work we want to pursue, to get people to understand that we are living in a democracy and not in a red dictatorship, that we are working under a democratic system and that together, we, the citizens, are able to develop projects, to create employment in this country, and then, the government will have to follow suit.

Mr. Speaker, this is about all I had to say about this motion. There are two main points, however, one which shows the inefficiency of this government and the other one which proves there are solutions to our problems. It is a pity, that this government does not want to accept our solutions, that he chooses confrontation rather than trying to solve our problems. It is a pity, but nevertheless, we still continue to work with the people to try to convince this government which will, during the coming election campaign as I said, be able to show more recognition towards workers, those people who want to work in their country instead of being unemployed because of ill-advised and ill-oriented policies such as those this government has been developing up to now.

[English]

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to rise and support this motion moved by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette). As far as I am concerned, the government has already proved that the motion is 100 per cent correct. It reads as follows:

Economic Conditions

That this House regrets the lack of foresight and leadership of the government in the management of state affairs, particularly in view of the fact that it deliberately permits the worsening of inflation and unemployment problems—

That part of the motion has been proved by the answers given to questions put in this House in the last day or two. The government has admitted it has adopted a deliberate policy to permit inflation and unemployment to worsen. Its very lack of action proves this. The motion continues:

—Which directly leads to a very marked deterioration of the social climate and national unity and prevents Canadians from using their vast human and economic resources to achieve their personal aspirations.

The motion is 100 per cent correct, and that is why I am proud to support it. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I have to apologize to my confrères in the Social Credit party because I cannot address the House in French. I never lived in an area where French was used and therefore was not able to retain the ability to speak French after my high school education. Having lived in a place where the language is 99 per cent English, I am afraid I cannot converse in French in this House. Although I may not be able to speak French, however, I can understand the aspirations and motives that lie behind this motion. I believe I can understand what agitates many of the people who live in Quebec today, although I do not speak their language.

● (1550)

Questions were asked in the House yesterday by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Macdonald), as reported at page 6102 of *Hansard*. The hon. member asked the Minister of Finance what steps he was going to take in view of the unemployment figures that had been revealed by the leader of the NDP on Monday and the projections by the Department of Manpower and Immigration. The hon. member asked the minister whether he was content to stand pat, or what action he was going to take; and the minister answered:

As I indicated in my budget, we did anticipate the difficulty of reducing the rate of unemployment in Canada over the next several years.

He went on to allege that they were going to give a little stimulus by spending more money and by putting more money into the programs of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. So it is quite evident that the minister knew, when he brought down his budget, that unemployment rates—as forecast—will keep increasing for the next several years, and he will do nothing about it.

Then the hon. member for Hamilton West asked the minister what specific measure he intended to introduce in the near future to alleviate this serious situation. The answer which came from the bolshy Minister of Finance, who was like a bolshy for two or three years up to this year because he had no regard whatsoever for the private sector and in his view it was only the great Liberal government that could pull Canada through the following:

We have taken the position that the best prospect for employment in Canada, both on the short-term basis and over a longer run, is through further stimulation in the private sector.