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#### The Economy

**Ms. Ruby Dhalla (Brampton—Springdale, Lib.):**

Mr. Speaker, in this time of growing economic crisis, hundreds of families in my riding of Brampton—Springdale are losing their jobs, being laid off and let go.

Chrysler eliminated its third shift. The result: 1,100 people jobless. ABC Plastics closed its doors. The result: hundreds of workers unemployed.

Now Nortel claims bankruptcy and its workers are listed as unsecured creditors. The result: no pay for their work.

What steps will be taken to ensure that employees of bankrupt companies are protected as secured creditors and that they get paid for their hard work.

**Mr. Ted Menzies (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, that is a good question. If the hon. member had read the budget, she would have seen a provision in there to actually protect those wage earners who are faced with bankruptcy from their employer.

That, once again emphasizes why we need to get to work and pass the budget. Once all hon. members actually read the budget, they will realize all of the good things in it and they will get behind us and support our economic action plan.

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