

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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Responses

1. Economic Recovery and Growth

Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?

-More green energy initiatives with incentives similar to those offered in Germany. -Manufacture of a high speed rail system, using Canadian industry. -Equitable funding for economic action, regardless of the political stripe of the riding. -Reduction and/or freezing of MP pay and pensions. -Legal Action against elected and appointed officials who display wasteful government practices.

2. Job Creation

As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?

-Price equity for the same products manufactured in Canada and the U.S. -The elimination and forfeiture of tax credits to companies who choose to move manufacturing out of Canada (especially to the U.S.). - Government contracts restricted to bidding by Canadian firms only. -No Canadian bailouts for Euro banks through the IMF

3. Demographic Change

What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?

This is a misnomer. There is no skill shortage. The unemployment rate of workers under 30 supports this. Repeal the OAS extension and encourage more boomers to retire. Thus opening up jobs for younger workers. The Boomer onslaught is just a bubble and pensions and medical care will return to normal after 20 years.

4. Productivity

With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?

Stop trying to send everybody to university and college. Restore trades and vocational training programs, so that we stop having to import skilled labour from Ireland, Portugal and Poland.

5. Other Challenges

With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?

The oil sands is not our saviour. It can be our downfall. Stop using our natural resources, namely water, to produce oil for our southern neighbour. Let them solve their own problems. The current Conservative government, as evidenced by the recent omnibus bill, is a threat to democracy. Investigate all the

electoral irregularities, and the financial misbehaviour of those in office. Call new elections where warranted, and prosecute the offenders. Return to being the Canada that the world respected and admired; peacemakers, not allies in U.S. adventures; providers of international aid and assistance to developing countries, not corporations and banks.