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Fighting Poverty

Hon. Geoff Regan (Halifax West, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the Conservative government's shameful policy, which consists of leaving Canadians to fend for themselves, is having a devastating effect.

Feed Nova Scotia reports an increasing number of working poor are turning to food banks. They are employed or recently unemployed.

We are talking about some 704,000 people in just one month, and more than a third of them were children. These are real people who are having serious difficulties, but the current government does not care.

How else do they explain the fact that the Speech from the Throne said nothing about fighting poverty or helping our seniors?

It is time for the Prime Minister to stop talking about a "technical recession" and realize that these families need help, not empty rhetoric.