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THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
QUESTION PERIOD: QUESTION CONCERNING VIA RAIL FUNDS
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Mr. Speaker, \$19.5 million Canadian tax dollars were allocated in September to renovate a dozen VIA Rail cars and to create 51 jobs in the process.

Companies in Quebec and New Brunswick can do the work, but the contract went to Avalon Rail in Wisconsin, U.S.A.

No Canadian economic stimulus, no Canadian jobs.

Will the Minister of Transport be hammering one of his billboards in front of the factory in Milwaukee and deliver the cheque himself, or does the Conservative's giant cheque printer not make cheques in American dollars?