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Mr. Alexandre Boulerice (Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie, NDP):

Mr. Speaker, for years now, customs and border services officers have been seeking retirement benefits similar to those enjoyed by their law enforcement counterparts. This is about justice and respect for these workers, who keep us safe.

A committee has been examining the matter for three years. The Treasury Board president received recommendations in December. It has been radio silence ever since. These officers could go on strike 48 hours from now, on Thursday.

Why are the Liberals still dragging their feet when it comes to standing up for workers?

Hon. Anita Anand (President of the Treasury Board, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, that is not true. We are at the table. We are pursuing talks because an agreement that is fair to taxpayers and public servants is crucial.

We are always there for the public service and for a very just and equitable agreement. We are there.