

Liberal proposal for economic summit voted down

St. John's — The Liberals introduced a private members' bill in the House of Assembly Wednesday to hold an all party economic summit.

But the huge government majority voted down the proposal.

In a news release, Opposition House leader Kelvin Parsons said he was disappointed and called government's decision short-sighted.

"There are major problems taking place in our local economy impacting thousands of jobs," said Parsons. "I can't understand why government would not want to call together business, industry and labour to see what options and potential solutions can be put on the table."

In the last couple of weeks, there have been 160 layoffs at the mine in Wabush, a number of other companies have put expansion plans on hold and the pulp and paper mill in Grand Falls-Windsor announced it will close in March.