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## EMPLOYEES SHAFTED

Umm... "While that means fatter paycheques..." ("Little Rest for Albertans," Jan. 23, Bill Kaufmann.) Interesting statement. Although he may be referring to only those employees in a union-governed workforce, I'd like to see the statistics of how many employees "working the longest hours in the nation" who actually receive payment for their overtime. Not only are people working additional hours to make up for lack of staff and a booming economy, they are doing so with no additional compensation. There is an article in the same edition about people wanting to work, who aren't getting offered enough money to get by. Which leads me to ask who in this situation we have in Calgary is actually benefiting? No one other than the "big-time" employer. Seems they are not spending extra to hire more staff to keep up with the pace, nor shelling out additional dollars to current staff working overtime to keep the company rolling! And where are these extra revenues going? I think we all know the answer to that.

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