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going to be front and centre with a competitive and vibrant structure in our global economy.

This is the wrong direction the government is taking. It is going to suffer when it comes to an election because the people of Canada are no longer willing to put up with the mistaken policies and the mistaken economic direction this government has followed.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, I would like to use the few minutes that are left to address the questions raised by this bill to extend the borrowing authority of the government and to provide for some \$8 billion. As many speakers have indicated, that reflects an increase in the actual deficit for this fiscal year from the \$27.5 billion originally estimated to the present estimate of \$34.4 billion.

It is interesting to note what is the chief source of this increase in the estimated deficit. It is attributable to an \$8 billion decrease in revenue. To what is that attributable? Fundamentally, it is attributable to the fact that we now have 1.5 million people unemployed. It is attributable to the fact that we had 76,000 bankruptcies last year. In my own home town of Windsor, where the unemployment rate is 14 per cent, there is an indication of the damage this government has done to the economy which is ultimately that to which the problem must be attributed.

I want to put emphasis on the fact that in Windsor the unemployment rate among youth is 25 per cent.

An hon. member: Shameful.

Mr. McCurdy: It is 25 per cent. We know that we have been overwhelmed with all kinds of means to save money, mostly consisting of a tax on the unemployed. I just want to take this opportunity to suggest to the government it did not need to attack the unemployed. I say that because of the savings which have been generated in the financial statement, most of which come from changes in UI: \$500 million from a decrease in the percentage of wages that will be paid through UI and another \$300 million by virtue of the Draconian attack that expresses itself in attempts, for example, to mount the PC KGB.

What the government might have done, just to give a few examples, is to take a look at the meals and entertainment expense deduction, which is worth about

\$1 billion. Actually, I think it would be very useful to have spies to count the escorts that are being paid for by our taxpayers through those deductions.

Perhaps it should look at the private family trust tax break which was generated not by the Tories but by the Liberals. By the way, that tax break was among a bunch of tax breaks generated in the 1970s by the previous government to help the rich and help the corporations that are cutting back on those things we need now which contributes to the problems we have. Take a look at that.

How about the tax cheaters? How about the fraudulent taxes? How about the shell game that goes on among multinationals to cheat Canadians out of taxes?

Yes, there is an alternative. The real alternative is the New Democrats and their leader.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Call in the members.

And the division bells having rung:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. The government Whip has advised me that the vote will be deferred until Monday at six o'clock p.m.

It being five o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 36, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.