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off, every time a corporation is privatized that ends up going belly-up, every time the size of the civil service is cut back, those people do not end up in jobs in the private sector because the private sector has been killed off as well. As a result those people end up on the unemployment list and on the welfare list. They become a negative draw on the economy. They take welfare. They take unemployment insurance and they contribute to the rising deficit of the government and the rising debt of the government.

That is the member's responsibility. That is the government's fault. It has mismanaged the economy and that is the reason why the debt is increasing. The Tories cannot look back 10 years any more and blame the Liberals for that problem. It is their problem and it is because of their ill-timed, ill-conceived policies that we are in the position we are now where we are facing a debt of almost \$450 billion.

That does not mean that the Liberals were any better than the present government. As far as I am concerned and as far as the people of Canada are concerned they are both in a dead heat, a plague on both their houses.

When the Liberals were in office from 1979 or 1980 through to 1984 they doubled the debt even in that short stretch of four years by adopting Tory policies. That is why I say the Liberals sound like New Democrats in opposition but they act like Tories in office. People in Canada are saying a plague on both their houses. They have both given a bad name to politics and a bad name to democratic government in this country.

Some people have said that the conflict between the Liberals and Tories that we see in this motion, this gimmicky motion that the Liberals have reached back almost 10 years to dig out of *Hansard* in order to get their revenge against the Tory policy, is a bit of a cola war like the war between Pepsi and Coca-Cola.

I will tell the member and the gentleman who is here from the Liberal Party, that many people across Canada are saying, "What's the diff?" What is the difference if a Liberal government is in office or a Tory government is in office? They bring down the same policies which are of no benefit whatsoever for ordinary Canadian citizens.

I look at the debate going on now about transportation and the crisis that the two national airlines find themselves in largely as a result of deregulation and the hands-off transportation policies being taken by both the Liberal government and the Tory government.

It was actually the Liberal transportation minister back in the 1980s who brought in the deregulation policy in spite of warnings from the other parties that this kind of deregulation policy would not work in Canada, that it would kill the two competing airline systems. They were told it would create thousands of job losses, but for ideological reasons the Liberals went ahead with the program and the Tories completed it because there is no difference between a Tory and a Liberal in office.

The Tories followed up the program to the maximum ideological extent and, as a result, the airlines today are facing the kind of crisis that we are in. We see the threat of tens of thousands of jobs being lost in the Canadian airline industry. In fact we are looking at two airlines that at one time, before the Liberals and the Tories got their monkey wrench into the system, were considered to be among the best performing airlines on the face of the earth. Now look what we have got as a result of Liberal and Tory mismanagement. The same thing applies to the railway system.

In particular, I look at social programs because of the news that came out yesterday about the fact that one million children are still living in poverty in this country. How can we see a gimmicky kind of motion without any substance being presented to the House of Commons by the Liberal Party? Why do we not hear about their proposals to deal with those one million children currently living in poverty?

As far as I am concerned we have two parties here who are fighting over which snouts end up in the trough. As was pointed out when the election expenses information came down, they are both corporate–financed political parties. They belong to and are intertwined with the system of one dollar, one vote while the rest of the people in Canada are in the system of one person, one vote, the democratic system.

People across Canada are now saying: A plague on both your houses. None of you have done anything worth while for Canada. They want to get rid of both of you. The sooner that happens the better it is going to be for Canadians.

There is a political party that represents that one person one vote system, that democratic system that Canadians are so proud of and want to see implemented in the House of Commons, not the old boy network, not the corporate sponsored political party system that we