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cannot realize that creativity, in terms of products, in terms of giving businessmen the opportunity as well as the incentive to move ahead, would work. Only government can create the environment we need in order to burst from our chains and relieve our tears of today. Only the government can do that. Little programs will not help. This requires a major effort. If the ministers were to get back and run their departments much of the problem could be cured. I have hope for the country. I also have hope in the sense that, perhaps, after the next election we can throw the sad rascals out and begin anew in this country. We have a great country, but, by golly, we are not giving it the proper opportunity of today.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Norman Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, speaking as a rascal, I should like to say that it is a pleasure to participate in the debate this afternoon. One of life's great pleasures is to find oneself suddenly and unexpectedly thrust into the debates of the House. I am pleased to have been thus propelled into a debate of such importance this afternoon.

Almost everyone to whom I have spoken in the last several months has asked me what the government will do about the sad state of affairs of this country. That attitude is not unexpectedly revealed in the debates of the House this afternoon. Almost every hon. member opposite has stood up to ask, pointedly, vigorously, and sometimes passionately, what will the government of this country do to help solve the economic problems that so bedevil us today? My instinctive response to that criticism is to ask, "Why do hon. members automatically assume that the only response which can be made is by the government?"

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Because they create the atmosphere.

**Mr. Kelly:** I would argue that inflation, unemployment, high interest rates, all of the things that none of us like, are in fact a product of the way in which all of us have lived over the last decade.

**Mr. Neil:** Fostered by the government!

**Mr. Kelly:** I think that before many citizens ask what the government can do, they should ask themselves what they can do.

**Mr. Keeper:** Elect a new government!

**Mr. Kelly:** Since all of us are a part of the problem, surely all of us are a part of the solution. For example, if a family in Oshawa goes out and buys a Toyota or a Volkswagen, they should not be surprised if the breadwinner next door who works in the GM assembly line is laid off. If a family goes out to buy a Sony television set, they should not be surprised if the man across the street is out of a job when Admiral closes in Ontario. If a family goes out and buys Italian shoes or Taiwanese shirts or underwear, they should not be surprised if the breadwinner who lives at the corner and works at a textile mill or in a shoe factory is put out of a job.

**Mr. Bosley:** You have an English sports coat, Norman!

**Mr. Kelly:** I do not understand how the Canadian consumer can change his buying patterns and then express surprise at the widespread unemployment which results. I cannot understand why that consumer then believes it is the sole privilege and responsibility of the government to right the wrongs induced by those changed consuming patterns. The first advice I would give to anyone in this debate is to tell Canadians as consumers that they could make a very real contribution in the near future to solve many of our problems. They should buy Canadian cars, buy Canadian shoes, buy Canadian television sets. If many of those people bought Canadian, Mr. Speaker, there would be a lot of people put back to work in Canada. I think that the first step in solving our problems is the realization of the degree to which Canadians are part of that problem. Once we do that, Mr. Speaker, I can go on to explain how the government can make its contribution; but I will leave that for a later debate at another time.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** It being six o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to order made on Wednesday, April 7, 1982, proceedings on the motion have expired.

The House stands adjourned until Monday, April 19, 1982, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

May I, on behalf of Madam Speaker, extend to hon. members, and to the staff of the House, best Easter wishes. From myself, I express the wish that the bunnies be kind to all.

At 6 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.