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grants. The Hon. Member will discover in his own district how much the young Canadians of parents who are other than francophone and anglophone resent being referred to as ethnics. This is not a criticism. It is my 20 years of experience with them which makes me even now change my own vocabulary and not use the word "ethnic" in reference to others.

Mr. Weiner: I will begin by commenting upon my hon. friend's suggestion on the Summer Works Program. Those of us who came here on September 4 were almost astonished how we continued to put into effect the same type of programming to which the previous administration was a party by allowing Canada Works or *Programme Canada au Travail* to go through. We did not necessarily have time for it to be a product of our own development. One would expect this to be something that we had to accept and something we were happy to do, because we knew that the unemployment rate, which was in excess of 11 per cent, would have been much worse by January. At 11 per cent it was already intolerable. We took the bulk of the money, those of us in our own ridings who share my hon. friend's concerns, and put together citizen advisory boards, precisely for the reason that we did not want any political or other patronage factors to be involved. We wanted members of the community to be able to benefit most from them. We are actually allowing them to become the advisers on what can go through.

Mr. Prud'homme: How different could the program be?

Mr. Weiner: Because we only had two months, we accepted the program already put in place by a previous administration. However, to continue that type of piecemeal, part-time program would be illogical.

Mr. Prud'homme: Summer employment is part-time.

Mr. Weiner: I am sure the summer program will be addressed in proper order and a program will be devised which will be much more ongoing, will have permanence for the community and will conform to the needs and concerns of the community.

With your permission, Mr. Speaker, let me say this. I have been somewhat chastized for using the term 'ethnic' to qualify first or second generation members of visible or cultural groups who have come to Canada from other countries. They are very proud Canadians. I include myself among them. There was no harm. We are Canadians. We have integrated very well into society. We have come to accept, respect and love this country, but we all have ties to another country. The rich heritage, culture and tradition we brought with us are transmitted to our children for future generations. We are proud to be identified as members of an ethnic group.

[Translation]

We are all good Quebecers, but I have no reason not to think that a certain number in our riding . . . it is 50 per cent, we are ethnic groups. There is nothing unthinkable in that and I, for one, Mr. Speaker, am always prepared to be included in ethnic groups because we practically form a majority in our riding.

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[English]

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on Bill C-11. I am very concerned when I see a Bill to borrow \$16 billion which fails to give any detail as to how the funds will be used. I am further concerned when I hear that part of the funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year. This disturbs me. As some Members may know, I was in another legislative Chamber, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Those kinds of actions concerned me there, and now they concern me here. I see that a Member opposite agrees that there is something here to be concerned about.

In the last few days we have seen the Government introduce such measures. Not long before, we saw a budget disguised as an economic statement. It should more appropriately have been called a cut-back statement. All it did was to cut back jobs and programs that the previous government had announced.

This Government said it would be more accountable. I am sure Hon. Members recall this vividly. During the election campaign I heard speech after speech from my Conservative opponent, as I am sure others did, on how the previous government had not been as accountable as they would like. They stated that if they had the opportunity to be in power, they would be far more respectful, accountable, and all the other adjectives. They patted themselves on the back for all the good things they would do if given the opportunity to be in power.

They were given that opportunity on September 4. What do we see from this Government that is supposed to be accountable? It introduced tax measures almost immediately, without the approval of Parliament. Parliament had not yet been recalled when those measures were introduced. This is from a Government that purported to be accountable.

We waited a few more days. A budget was introduced, but it was called something else. That is not a sign of a government that wants to be accountable. They said they would be open. We all remember that. The only thing that we have seen open in the last few days is the briefcase of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). That is all that has been open, save and except the tape recorder of the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) with cassettes seemingly falling out all over the place, ending up in radio stations here and there.

An interesting cartoon appeared today in the Ottawa newspaper *Le Droit*. It depicts the open briefcase, things falling out, and it is entitled "Open Government". It is most appropriate. The only problem is that nothing else is open.

We have not had this open government, the spirit of co-operation, this government that is going to co-operate with everyone as referred to by the Hon. Member for Scarborough Centre (Mrs. Browes). Who did they consult with before