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any association with this organization. This review reads in part as follows:

The present recessionary state of the domestic Canadian economy primarily reflects a cut-back in consumer durable and housing expenditures.

It is a recessionary state, according to the investment dealers. Well, Mr. Speaker, it is a recessionary state not only to the investment dealers; it is a recessionary state for at least three-quarters of a million Canadians. They know this because they are on unemployment insurance or welfare at the present time. This government ignored the warning provided not only in this House but by every segment of the economy that we were plunging into a recession. They went under the guise that inflation was the problem which had to be corrected. In December, when he saw the unemployment figures the Prime Minister announced that inflation was beaten, that it was no longer a problem and that unemployment was now the problem. They created it.

Mr. Nesbitt: It took courage to create it, too.

Mr. Coates: They created it, and what are they doing about it?

An hon. Member: Nothing.

Mr. Coates: Don't say "nothing", because they are producing a \$2 million fund to give employment to 250 graduates from the province of Quebec. That is the way they will solve the problem. It was good to see the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) on television when he was shown the memorandum. Apparently he is not a member of the elite oligarchy because they did not tell him about it.

An hon. Member: Didn't they tell him about it?

Mr. Coates: No, they did not tell him about it. Probably the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Marchand) or the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier)—it could not have been the Prime Minister because he was out of the country, but perhaps it was his two right-hand men or the right and the left of him—forgot to tell the President of the Treasury Board, so the poor unfortunate soul had to appear on television and say, "I do not think any such memorandum exists" and then watch a reporter produce it to him. Then we watched him sweat; we could see the beads of sweat dropping off him.

An hon. Member: He is sweating right now.

An hon. Member: What about the horses?

An hon. Member: What about the bananas?

Mr. Coates: I heard somebody say something about bananas. They are for the Prime Minister's orangutan. He goes away, and when he cannot find girls he finds an orangutan to kiss. Mr. Speaker, we have a "big deal" for the Canadian taxpayer. The government are going to take \$2 million from Canadian taxpayers to help unemployed graduates; but they will only help graduates who come from the province of Quebec. Maybe they will help

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French-speaking graduates from some other province—maybe!

Mr. Paproski: What about the Ukraphones?

Mr. Coates: There are Anglophones and Francophones and Ukraphones but there are not Canadians any more, according to this government. This government went across the country preaching "one Canada." Well, it is a special kind of "one Canada." It is getting to be one Canada if you are from the province of Quebec and a completely different Canada if you come from anywhere else.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Coates: One Canada for those who speak the French language but a completely different Canada for those who speak any other language. That is the "one Canada" we have today, with the fund which is being made available by this government to create employment for 250 French-speaking graduates from the province of Quebec. If you speak English, no show: you are not involved; you just are not part of it; you are not in the "in" group.

● (9:40 p.m.)

Mr. Paproski: You are not even in the cabinet.

Mr. Coates: Who cares if you are not in the cabinet? If you are not Trudeau, Pelletier or Marchand it does not make any difference whether or not you are in the cabinet. The President of the Treasury Board discovered that. They do not tell the rest of the cabinet what is going on. Even the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Sharp) does not know.

I imagine there are a lot of secret memorandums at the bottom of which you see the little N.B. which says "This program is to be put into effect without any public information being provided about it". It is a different ball of wax. We have an example of just what can happen when a small, elite oligarchy takes over the government of a country. With the government's proliferation of super bureaucrats, the people of Canada are discovering the information to be bad, the policies to be bad and the end result to be misery, misery, misery.

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, we have just listened to an excellent speech by the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr. Coates). It had its serious moments as well as some lighter moments, as speeches in the best parliamentary tradition should have. But upon reflection even the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) would agree that the speech the hon. member has just completed, practically all of which fell within all-fours of the ambit of the bill, demonstrates very well the futility of the exercise upon which the government is asking us to embark. So far as I am concerned, this bill makes a farce of parliamentary democracy and is a waste of parliamentary time.

The President of the Treasury Board made an attempt in his initial remarks to indicate what he thought was the principle of the bill. I and some of my colleagues are