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departments had overspent. If they spend their budget, she thinks they have overspent. I recognize the trait.

• (1740)

However, sometimes there are reallocations of priorities in the way governments spend their money. That sometimes happens. In this case, I think the government considered what it might do and reallocated some priorities and spent more in some departments that it did in others.

Perhaps the member could answer a question about overspending. I believe her party ran into a lot of trouble with overspending. It was unable to organize its finances and I understand it is running a big deficit.

Does the member not think that the same rules that ought to apply to government ought to apply to a party? Does the member not think that the party ought to get its own finances in order before it criticizes the Government of Canada?

Mrs. Brown (Calgary Southeast): Mr. Speaker, that is such a trivial question, it is not even worthy of a response. We are certainly in control of our spending.

When we talk about reallocation of priorities, I am going to address that part of the hon. member's question. It is quite interesting that when we look at what happened in Alberta with the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act. We are talking about reallocation of priorities all right.

I have a letter from a small business person in my riding. This individual wrote talking about Albertans being prepared to make that kind of sacrifice when it comes to helping with the deficit reduction process. But when we see companies and I quote: "such as ours that compete against companies based in other provinces on a national and an international basis, this change of the utilities tax has fundamentally altered the competitive landscape. Our cost of doing business, simply because we are located in Alberta, will go up as a result of this budgetary measure".

That message for the hon. member across the way speaks volumes to me about what the government intended to do with its reallocation of priorities with respect to Alberta.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 78(1), I wish to inform the House that there is an agreement among the representatives of all three officially recognized parties to the allocation of time to Bill C-74, an act respecting the supervision of

longshoring and related operations at west coast ports, described in the following motion.

I therefore move:

That Bill C-74, an act respecting the supervision of longshoring and related operations at west coast ports, be disposed of at all stages during the present sitting as follows:

1. Debate at second reading shall be limited to no more than 80 minutes;
2. Upon being read a second time, the bill shall be referred to a committee of the whole, which shall report the bill after no more than 60 minutes' consideration;
3. Immediately upon being concurred in at the report stage, the said bill shall be considered at the third reading stage wherein debate shall be limited to no more than 40 minutes.
4. At the end of the time periods described in this Order, the Speaker or the Chair of the committee of the whole, as the case may be, shall interrupt debate and forthwith put all questions necessary to dispose of the stage then under consideration.
5. No recorded division may be deferred and, when any recorded division is requested, the bells shall be sounded for not more than 15 minutes.

The Deputy Speaker: As was indicated the motion is not debatable. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

• (1745)

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it. I declare the motion carried.

(Motion agreed to.)

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THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed consideration of the motion that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I will be sharing my time with the hon. member for Gatineau—La Lièvre.

Contrary to what we hear flowing back and forth across the floor, it is an honour for me to participate in the budget debate on behalf of my constituents in the riding of Hillsborough. I congratulate the Minister of Finance on such a finely crafted budget. In my years in this House and in my years in the house of