

Division

Mr. Speaker, in connection with the 1971 budget, Information Canada has published a brochure entitled "How Your Tax Dollar Is Spent". That publication explains how a good part of the income of Canadian workers is spent by the government.

Under the item "Public Debt", it is indicated that Canada's debt amounted to \$38 billion in 1970.

In 1971, the national debt is going to cost \$1,995 million, that is almost \$2 billion in interest. I am not speaking here of provincial, municipal and school debts, but of the federal debt: \$1 billion in interest. And paid to whom? Not to lumberjacks, miners, farmers, construction workers, white collars, but to the rich financiers, those who can afford to buy huge quantities of Canadian bonds. Those are the people, the sharks, who will get those \$2 billion in interest which Canadian workers will have to pay through general taxes, income tax, sales tax on building materials and manufactured goods of all kinds: indirect taxes, excise tax and many others, that cannot all be named.

And I forget to mention the few taxes that corporations or some businessmen must pay. We know very well, Mr. Speaker, that these taxes are included in production costs. The consumer is the one who must pay them eventually. So it is always the underdog who pays taxes.

We are fed up with this situation and we want to relieve the Canadian taxpayer of this 3 per cent surtax that would be extended by bill C-225.

This is why my colleague from Portneuf moved this amendment, this is why I support it and this is why my other colleagues of the Ralliement Cr ditiste also support it, so that this surtax not be levied again for fiscal year 1971-72.

We must take a stand on this and we must take the vote on this amendment so as to know who is in favour of Canadian workers and who is against them.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Godin) which was negatived on the following division:

● (9:50 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Alexander	Flemming
Asselin	Fortin
Beaudoin	Gauthier
Bell	Godin
Bigg	Grills
Burton	Gundlock
Crouse	Hales
Dionne	Horner
Douglas (Nanaimo- Cowichan-The Islands)	Howe
Downey	Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)

[Mr. Laprise.]

Knowles (Norfolk-
Haldimand)
Lambert
(Bellechasse)
Lambert
(Edmonton West)
Laprise
La Salle
Latulippe
MacInnis (Cape
Breton-East Richmond)
MacLean
McCleave
McKinley
Matte
Mazankowski
Murta

Allmand
Andras
Badanai
Barrett
B chard
Benson
Blair
Blouin
Borrie
Breau
Brown
Buchanan
Cafik
Chr tien
Clermont
Cobbe
Corbin
Corriveau
C t  (Richelieu)
Crossman
Cyr
Davis
Deachman
De Ban 
Drury
Dub 
Dupras
Duquet
 mard
Faulkner
Forget
Foster
Francis
Gendron
Gervais
Gibson
Gillespie
Givens
Goode
Goyer
Guay (L vis)
Guay (St. Boniface)
Hopkins
Howard
(Okanagan Boundary)
Hymmen
Kaplan
Laing
(Vancouver South)

● (10:30 p.m.)

Messrs:

Nesbitt
Nystrom
Peddle
Ricard
Ritchie
Rodrigue
Rondeau
Rowland
Saltsman
Scott
Skoberg
Skoreyko
Thompson (Red Deer)
Thomson
(Battleford-Kindersley)
Valade
Yewchuk—49.

NAYS

Messrs:

Lang (Saskatoon-
Humboldt)
Langlois
Laniel
Leblanc (Laurier)
LeBlanc (Rimouski)
Legault
Lessard (LaSalle)
Lind
Loiselle
Macdonald (Rosedale)
MacEachen
MacGuigan
Mackasey
McBride
Mahoney
Marceau
Morison
Munro
Murphy
O'Connell
Olson
Orange
Penner
Pepin
Perrault
Pringle
Richardson
Roberts
Rochon
Rock
Roy (Laval)
Sharp
Smith
(Northumberland-
Miramichi)
Smith (Saint-Jean)
St. Pierre
Sulatycky
Tolmie
Trudel
Turner (London East)
Turner (Ottawa-Carleton)
Whelan
Whicher
Whiting
Yanakis—91.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the amendment lost. It being ten o'clock, a motion to adjourn the House is deemed to have