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campaign we spent a whole month telling seniors that it was not true, that they did not have to fear losing their pension. Stop giving them misleading information.

A moment ago we were talking about Chambly and—What is his name— We are bound to forget his name within a couple of weeks. Why did the candidate in Chambly fail to tell the voters that right now— In any event, if he did not tell them I will because I am sure they are all listening to us, that on a \$10,000 car they will pay \$840 less.

An hon. member: With the GST.

Mr. Hudon: With the GST. Why do you not tell that to them? Why are people not aware of the fact that the price of all manufactured products will drop by 13.5 per cent and then go up 7 per cent? People do not know that food will not be taxed. You feed them misleading information to scare them. Tourism, nobody eats in restaurants anymore! The economic downturn will scare the daylight out of Canadians!

Last year, Mr. Speaker, we had the AIDS apocalypse in free trade and this is why some people were against it. So what happened to the untold woes we were supposed to witness, Mr. Speaker? Funny thing, here we are in 1990, two years later, yet we are still alive and old age pensions are still paid out regularly. My colleague on the other side has been making faces for nearly an hour, you will lose! If we lose the election next time around, Jos, that means you win. Well, when you do, you tackle the economic problems of the country. As you try to do that you will learn one thing: It is a lot harder to govern than to be governed. Then you can make faces!

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Gloucester, and then I will recognize the hon. member for Yorkton—Melville.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask my hon. friend a question on a comment he made earlier. As we were dealing with food and its definition, I was somewhat surprised when I heard him refer to millionaires and state that he would tax all kinds of food. Am I to understand that he feels the people who are paying \$10 plus the 7 per cent tax to eat in Quebec establishments such as St. Hubert B-B-Q—he men-

tioned it specifically—are millionaires? I suggest that people see food as something all human beings eat. Sometimes they have to buy something in a store or eat in a St. Hubert B-B-Q because most working men and women often do not have time to go back home every day for lunch or dinner. I was surprised that the Hon. Member could not understand our concern about the way the government is planning to levy a tax on nearly 40 per cent of all the food people will eat in Canadian restaurants, snackbars, cafeterias, and so on. Just the same, I find it surprising that the hon. member should not consider this important for low and middle income people who have to eat in these restaurants and who will have to pay this new tax from now on.

Here is my question, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member often refers to free trade. He knows how to associate the AIDS issue with free trade, and I congratulate him, for he has a most interesting turn of phrase. This being said, he suggested that all the support and the free trade discussions had made it possible for Premier Bourassa—

Mrs. Bourgault: Give him a break! Let him reply!

Mr. Young: Madam, you may have your turn if you do not insist on closure.

Now, the hon. member dealt with free trade. Are we to understand that you do not at all agree with Premier Bourassa and his Minister of Finance (Mr. Lévesque) who oppose the GST? Are you suggesting that they do not understand, like all the other Canadian Premiers?

Mr. Hudon: I will check the blues to see what I said about food. I did not mean to downplay the situation. I don't think I said that only rich people go to the restaurant, but I will check the blues. That is not at all what I meant.

Mr. Young: You asked what food was.

Mr. Hudon: No, no, you're the one who asked the definition of food. That is what you asked a few moments ago.

As for the other comment, it is not I who mixed AIDS with free trade, it is Monique Bégin.

An hon. member: Yes, it is Monique Bégin.

Mr. Hudon: Don't you remember, during the election campaign, when all the scare tactics were coming out and Monique Bégin was saying: You know, with free trade— It is well known. Anyway, in Quebec, everybody knows