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the tax system or who was complaining about it. It just took it upon itself to remedy the whole system.

The equity which it claims to have achieved is accomplished by reaching out to 13 million insurance policy holders who are trying to provide for their families and taxing the benefits under that protection. Canadians buy insurance to protect their families, not to cheat the tax man. There are seven million Canadians who participate in health and dental plans, and the government says that it will tax them and make them pay. It does not care what happens to their children's teeth or if they get adequate medical care. All the government wants is dollars.

The government is correct about one matter. The only resource in this country is the people of Canada. They are the only ones who will pay tax. The oil will stay in the ground, the coal will stay in the mines and the wheat will stay in the fields unless Canadians turn it into wealth. The government is trying to tax that wealth. It is trying to tax the work of the Canadian people, but they have caught on and will not stand for it.

The Minister of Finance has been exposed and everyone knows that he has no knowledge of the tax system. We all know he knows about managing government expenditures. The Minister of Finance is making up for years of extravagant spending. Now he has to go to Canadians and take away the pensioners' \$1,000 deductions. He does not care about the business people or insurance companies, they can provide for themselves, but he will tax the seven million workers in the housing construction industry. He will tax transportation for salesmen. How can this help the people of Canada?

The government reaches out to Canadians and attempts to tell them it is bringing equity to the tax system. No one believes that, including their own members. That is why we have put it in a resolution before the House.

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Hon. members opposite had better stand up and vote properly because the people of Canada will be watching. They will know what hon. members opposite are doing. The people know what they are saying at home. It is in the newspapers. It is on the record. We are putting it on the record here. Hon. members opposite must realize and recognize that they are going to be counted. The jig is up. Never mind the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister. Hon. members opposite are on their own now. The Prime Minister cannot protect them. There is no problem in Mount Royal. Everybody is happy there. The problems are in Amqui, Quebec and in the Matapedia Valley where people are out of work and starving to death.

Mr. Darling: Don't forget Oshawa.

Mr. Crosby: The only reason this government is able to introduce this budget is that hon. members to my left in the New Democratic Party stood up and voted against my party when it was in government. That government was prepared to introduce proper economic measures which were responsible. Members of the New Democratic Party are not off the hook. They are part and parcel—someone said the New Democratic

Party is the Liberal party west. The Liberals have no representation from the west, so they haul in a few members of this red rump and bring them into their plans. If members of the New Democratic Party really wanted to defeat the government and if they really were upset with the tax measures in the budget, as we are, they could have voted the government out last Friday. Instead, they got together and called the whole thing off. They want to stay here. I do not blame them. They will never be any more comfortable than they are now because it is going to get worse for them from here on. The people of Canada are on to them. They know what is going on.

As I said, it is every man for himself on the government side. Hon. members opposite must stand up and be counted. The Prime Minister cannot help them. The Minister of Finance cannot help them because he is in trouble himself. The people in his constituency are sick of post offices, parks and little job-creation programs. They want the Strait of Canso developed. They want the oil refinery opened. They do not want the little bits and pieces of things the minister has been sending down. People are sick of this situation. They want Canada to go ahead and be developed, and they want the government to bring in proposals which would allow for that development. They are sick of the present policies. They are sick of being fooled. We have exploded the myth, and now hon. members opposite are going to have to live with it.

I want to end on a positive note. I admire those members of Parliament in the Liberal Party who got together and said, "This is what has to be done, Mr. Prime Minister; this is what you have to do to correct the situation in Canada; we have to have job-creation programs". Young people are out of work. We need jobs for our young people. We have to protect unemployed persons. We have to bring them back into the labour force so that they can provide for their families. If the government does not do that, we will have social disorder in Canada. Everyone is pointing that out. A psychiatrist in my constituency has written an article in which he points out very graphically the ill effects of unemployment and that lack of security for families and people generally leads to all kinds of social ills. We cannot sit here in Parliament with a blind eye to that kind of problem. We have to do something about it, and we have to do something about it now, not next week and not in the next budget. We must do something right now, and hon. members opposite know that.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, I want to say just one more thing. As representatives of the people in Parliament, we are often asked what our role is here. What is our role here? There was a famous parliamentarian, Edmund Burke, who said he was a delegate of the people. When he was elected to Parliament, he made up his mind and decided what to do. Edmund Burke was elected to Parliament in 1774 from the city of Bristol. At that time people were illiterate. They did not know how to handle national affairs. That is not the situation in Canada today. We do not need any Edmund Burkes. We do not need anyone here passing his opinion on what we should be doing. We want