

Voltaire once said that when it comes to money we are all of the same religion. He could have said as well that when it comes to taxes we are all of the same religion.

Just the other day the Fraser Institute published figures which indicate that 40 per cent of the average Canadians income goes to taxes. A study of the history of the world and many civilizations will show that as soon as taxation goes above 40 per cent, all incentive in the country dies. That is the time a country gets into serious trouble. This country is in that state today, Mr. Speaker. It scares the pants off me when I see what is taking place.

You will remember, Mr. Speaker, that the Liberal government forced the provinces into medicare by guaranteeing to pay 50 per cent of the cost. It forced them into block funding by offering a bonus of \$7.63 per capita and one equalization tax point. This bill removes that incentive, although as late as April 23, 1981, a Liberal minister promised that it would be maintained.

We speak of the need for higher education in this country yet each of us has received letters from our secondary schools and universities complaining about the cutbacks in funds for education. These cutbacks were instituted by this government, a government that claims to be interested in research and development while it cuts back on funds for education.

We talk about equalization for all provinces and of course no member is opposed to the poorer provinces receiving help from the richer provinces. The question is how that should be done. The bill mentions five provinces—but why not equalization based on ten provinces, Mr. Speaker? Why not treat each province exactly the same as the others?

The government has lost control of national educational standards, Mr. Speaker. There are just no standards. Some of the gobbledegook I have heard this evening appals me. The House has ceased to be a place of reasoned thought, a place where we all realize that each of us came here for the same reason, and that is, to do the best we can for our country. I hear insults hurled back and forth on all sides of the House, and in many cases the debate strays very, very far away from the subject matter of Bill C-97, which is what we are supposed to be discussing. The subject of metrication comes up—deplorable as that may be—and other subjects which should not be discussed. I suggest that stronger restraint on the part of the Speaker should be exercised.

I am not going to speak very long on this bill, Mr. Speaker. Obviously I will vote against it and I will vote against it because it is bad for the country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Federal Transfers to Provinces

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Ouellet for the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) which was agreed to on the following division:

● (2150)

(Division No. 162)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allmand	Dupras	MacBain
Appolloni	Duquet	MacEachen
(Mrs.)	Erola (Mrs.)	MacGuigan
Axworthy	Ethier	Mackasey
Bachand	Evans	MacLaren
Beauchamp-Niquet	Ferguson	MacLellan
(Mrs.)	Fisher	Maltais
Bégin (Miss)	Fleming	Marceau
Berger	Flis	Massé
Blais	Fox	McRae
Blaker	Garant	Munro
Bloomfield	Gauthier	(Hamilton East)
Bockstael	Gendron	Nicholson
Bossy	Gingras	(Miss)
Burghardt	Gourd	Olivier
Caccia	(Argenteuil-Papineau)	Ouellet
Campbell	Gourde	Parent
(Miss)	(Lévis)	Pelletier
(South West Nova)	Harquail	Penner
Campbell	Henderson	Pepin
(Cardigan)	Herbert	Peterson
Chénier	Hervieux-Payette	Pinard
Chrétien	(Mrs.)	Portelance
Collenette	Hopkins	Prud'homme
Comtois	Irwin	Reid
Corbin	Johnston	(Kenora-Rainy River)
Côté (Mrs.)	Joyal	Roberts
Cullen	Kaplan	Robinson
Cyr	Kelly	(Etobicoke-Lakeshore)
Dawson	Killens (Mrs.)	Rossi
de Corneille	Lachance	Roy
Demers	Lalonde	Schroder
Deniger	Lamontagne	Smith
Dingwall	Landers	Tardif
Dion	Lang	Tessier
Dionne	Lapointe	Tobin
(Chicoutimi)	(Charlevoix)	Tousignant
Dionne	Lapointe	Trudeau
(Northumberland- Miramichi)	(Beauce)	Turner
Dubois	LeBlanc	Watson
Duclos	Leduc	Weatherhead
Dupont	Loiselle	Yanakis—111.
	Lumley	