

*The Budget—Right Hon. Mr. Turner*

Prime Minister's travels with the butler and the maid. What about the home movies and the shadow jets?

You have been patient and our friendship goes back a long time, Mr. Speaker. This Budget is part of the cynical self-serving approach of the Government. I will tell you why it is cynical and I will tell you why I believe it is a fraud. Here is the time-table. I will lay it out for the benefit of Canadians. When the Deputy Prime Minister is on the telephone to West Palm Beach this afternoon, this is what he ought to say.

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Step one of the timetable was for huge tax hikes to be brought in with the first two Budgets in 1985-86. Over \$16 billion more was taxed against individuals and 90 per cent of the taxes in the first two Budgets was on individuals while only 10 per cent of the taxes was on corporations. In the current Budget, the ratio is about 95 to five.

Here we are at step two in 1987. The Minister says, "Make a few minor adjustments but do not tell the people that those earlier massive tax increases are automatic, hidden, escalated, deindexed and working through the system". By the end of this year, \$22 billion will be taxed against individual taxpayers, \$22 billion that they otherwise would not have had to pay. We are now living through step two.

Step three is to wait until spring when there will be a White Paper on tax reform. It may be in the spring, it may be in the summer or it may be in the fall. Step four, 1988, will occur just before an election. The Government will bring in the good news Budget containing personal reductions on the side of tax reform and close a few loopholes. The Government will give what is due to our regions in some better measure than it has before. Step five is to call an election. Step six is to return after the election to oppose the biggest, most massive consumer business transfer tax designed to balance the books this country has ever seen.

I do not want to head the Minister off from the disaster course he has obviously set for himself, but there are two flaws to that schedule. The Minister should listen closely. The first flaw is that Canadians see through it, and the second is that the Minister will not be back after the election.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Canadians have seen the solemn commitments of the Tory Government broken so many times that it has gotten down to a question of trust. Canadians do not trust this Government. Canadians do not trust this Government in honouring its promises. Canadians do not trust this Government in negotiating the trade arrangement with the United States. Canadians do not trust this Government in the fish treaty with France. Canadians do not trust this Government in the style of public morality that it displays. Canadians do not trust this Government in the way it handles the

provinces. Canadians do not trust this Government in protecting our sovereignty. And, Mr. Speaker, Canadians do not trust this smug, manipulative Budget.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We listened to a lot of inaccuracies in the speech—

**Mr. Foster:** Name one.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** As a matter of fact, I will. I am sure the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner), who is a fair man, inadvertently misled the House when he suggested in his opening comments that when he was Minister of Finance his Leader not only spoke in the Budget debate but was present when the Leader of the Opposition participated. I have just had a chance to look at the record of the Budget of June 23, 1975. The Right Hon. Member's Leader did not speak and there is no evidence to suggest that he was present when the Leader of the Opposition spoke. As a matter of fact, when the Leader of the Opposition spoke on June 26, 1975 he led off by saying that he was sorry that the Minister of Finance was not in the House—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** That is not a point of order, it is a point of debate.

Before I recognize the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), may I have unanimous consent to let the Hon. Member for Oshawa have the same amount of time to speak as did the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner)?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, I would begin by expressing my appreciation to my Conservative and Liberal colleagues for their unanimous support to extend time to allow me to speak. It will probably be the last time we are all in agreement today.

I would like to get right to the Budget that the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) is exercising himself about, and I can well understand that because most Canadians are very exercised by this Budget indeed.

At a time when Canadian families have had a greater increase in taxes than in any other period in the post-war years, the Government has once again increased the tax burden on families. I would remind the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), who is present, that at a time when unemployment in seven of the 10 provinces is as bad or worse than it was in the depth of the recent recession of 1981-82, there is no improvement in regional development programs. At a time when, in the Minister's own words, Canadian corporations have not been paying their fair share of the tax burden, there is no change at all toward more equity in corporate taxes. Finally, at a time when, as the Minister of Finance has pointed out, sales taxes are very unfair and the most regressive kind of taxation, the Government has put additional taxes, not simply on gasoline but on peanuts, popcorn, popsicles and almost