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Secondly, I would like the Hon. Member to tell us why her party and she claims that transfers to the provinces for health and education will be reduced when in fact, Mr. Speaker, the truth is that \$25 million more will be transferred to the provinces over the next five years. So I would like her to explain to me why she claims there are cuts when \$25 million more will be given over the next five years?

[*English*]

Ms. Langan: Mr. Speaker, I remind the Hon. Member that the New Democratic Party has indeed run budgets in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Yukon. In return, I would ask the Hon. Member how many budgets she has administered?

Mrs. Bourgault: At least five.

Ms. Langan: First, let me respond to her comments regarding child care. She suggested that we were against the Tory child care Bill in the former Parliament. She is indeed correct. We were against the child care Bill of the former Government. We were and we are against that child care Bill.

During my speech, I stated that as a result of having input from people across the country who deliver and who require child care to explain to the Government why the Tory child care Bill was totally inadequate, we hoped the new Minister would, as a result of that input, bring forward an adequate child care Bill that would cover adequacy, affordability and universality.

The fact is that the Minister not only did not bring back the old Bill, he did not bring in a new Bill. He has totally chickened out on the Bill.

Mrs. Dobbie: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Hon. Member two brief questions. What would the Hon. Member do about the national debt? Second, I would like to ask the Hon. Member if she would like to pay more taxes.

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Bourgault: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that the transfer is not \$25 million but \$25 billion. I would like this to be recorded in *Hansard*.

[*English*]

Ms. Langan: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member asked two questions: One on the national debt and one on whether I am willing to pay more taxes.

With regard to the national debt, I would begin by making sure that taxation was fair, that corporations that are making profits pay their fair share of taxes, and banks pay their fair share. Canadians are willing to pay taxes if it is fair, if everybody is paying a fair share.

The answer to the second question is yes, I am indeed willing to pay more taxes as long as the Royal Bank is not paying less than the clerk or Cominco is not paying less tax than my father, who was a steel worker for 40 years.

Mrs. Dobbie: I am glad to know that the Hon. Member would like to make her contribution to the tax rolls of this country.

I want to refer to a comment earlier in her speech about child care. She thought there should be a fairer system and lots more child care available. I just wonder if the Hon. Member has a problem with the concept of parents looking after children. Does she believe that children should be cared for in institutions? Is that the future her Party sees for the children of this country?

Ms. Langan: Mr. Speaker, I really must thank the Hon. Member for her question because it displays the total lack of understanding on the other side of the House for the needs of women and children in this country regarding child care. Indeed, it would be preferable that all children in Canada could stay home with their mothers, but the reality of life in this country is that most women must work, and the reality is that there should be choices in child care. There should be child care centres, there should be family day care centres that are licensed, and there should be the opportunity for someone to come into the home to deliver child care, depending on the needs of the family, the means of the family and the schedule of the family. I think it is very sad that the Hon. Member does not seem to understand the needs of Canadian women and children. I am so sorry about that.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Questions and comments are terminated. Debate. The Hon. Member for Rosedale (Mr. MacDonald).

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I move:

That the Member for Kent (Mr. Crawford) be now heard.

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

• (1610)

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.