

*The Budget—Mr. Volpe*

opment assistance has been repudiated. A sacred trust on universality has been repudiated by the Government.

If the Government was genuinely going to tackle the deficit, the Budget should have attacked the tax giveaways that have dominated the unfair tax system that this country has had for so long.

Let me conclude by making some specific reference to the impact of this Budget on Victoria. We have seen the CBC cut-backs move further back the commitment which has been made for over 35 years to the people of Victoria for CBC facilities. We see the Government beginning to edge away from its commitment on the *Polar 8*. We hope that is not so. We will fight hard to ensure that it is not so.

We see the threat, now reported to us by the Conference Board, of an economic slowdown as a result, just as our community is beginning to work itself out of the 1981-82 deficit. We see the E and N Railway under threat as a result of this Budget.

Will the Hon. Member comment on the failure of the Budget to deal with what is on all sides understood to be the critical issue of the environment? Why is there nothing in the Budget for the environment?

**Mrs. Anderson:** Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member has not read the Budget in its entirety. We certainly have been taxing those with higher incomes and we certainly are protecting those with lower incomes.

The environment is most definitely included in the Budget. It is my priority. We must not forget that we are looking after the future of our grandchildren. The time to do it is now. We have to tighten our belts.

Our social programs have been definitely kept intact. Certainly those who are in need will be well cared for.

**Mr. Kindy:** Mr. Speaker, I would like the Hon. Member to comment on the goods and services tax. It will be introduced in 1991, with approximately 9 per cent on all goods and services. This tax, in the words of the Minister, will probably bring in revenue of \$23 billion. Does the Hon. Member feel this tax is fair to consumers? Does she approve of this type of taxation?

**Mrs. Anderson:** Mr. Speaker, the new goods and services tax will be replacing the present manufacturer's tax. Very few people realize that the manufacturer's tax, aside from being very unfair and a burden at roughly 12 per cent, will be removed entirely before the 9 per cent

goods and services tax will be implemented. Just that one tax will be paid by the consumer and it will be much better.

**Mr. Fisher:** Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my fellow committee person the Member for Simcoe Centre (Mrs. Anderson) on her speech.

Will she tell us the source of financing for that very commendable school program that took place in Barrie? The kind of training the young people receive today to prepare them for the future is certainly commendable. The competition in which they participated in Columbus, Ohio, is an exemplary example of the talents of our young people. If only we had the jobs to be able to make use of those talents.

What is the source of the funding for the program in Barrie? Second, can she assure Members of the House that after this Budget similar financing will be available after January, 1990, for similar programs?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The question and comment period must be addressed to the speech of the Hon. Member. I do not recall if the Hon. Member mentioned specifically the issue that the Member for Saskatoon—Dundurn has raised. The Member may reply if she wishes.

**Mrs. Anderson:** Mr. Speaker, the Skills Canada Project is financed through the federal Government and through industry as well. It is assisted through the educators in our community. We are hopeful that this program will be adopted throughout the country. It is highly successful and has made young students who are at the drop-out stage and really do not have a yearning to go to university aware that technical schools do exist. They can earn a good living and be trained.

The industry is providing assistance on a co-operative basis, taking students into their industries or providing supplies through what I believe is called "adopt a shop". It has been a very successful project in our area and I am extremely excited about it.

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**Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to rise today to represent the views of my riding, Eglinton—Lawrence, on the Budget. I do so with some sense of anger. I say anger because my constituents, so Canadian in their willingness to work themselves