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HAMILTON HARBOUR COMMISSION

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport, aided by the Minister of Justice, failed to provide the necessary instrument to answer all the outstanding questions pursuant to the resignation of Peter Lush as chairman of the Hamilton Harbour Commission.

A Tory government will look into the conduct of a Tory appointee, himself a Tory supporter, to the private law firm, Tory, Tory, DesLaurier and Binnington, which will report back to the Tory Minister of Transport.

The private law firm does not have the powers to compel witnesses, to take evidence on oath or to subpoena documents. Only a public inquiry would have the tools necessary to gather evidence on this issue. The legal question put to the law firm by the minister is far too narrow. It does not address section 27 of the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act, nor sections 120 to 126 of the Criminal Code of Canada, or the General Law of Agency which may entitle taxpaying Canadians to get back the \$400,000 commission cheque paid to Peter Lush.

What has this Minister of Transport got to hide?

THE ECONOMY

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, Canada is an indebted nation. It took a generation of free-spending governments to get us to the point where almost 40 cents of every tax dollar is spent on interest to service that debt.

This is something a lot of Canadians are embarrassed about, but not too many people actively try to help those like Michael Wilson who are trying to solve the problem.

So I am delighted today to say that \$1,200 of our national debt can be retired, thanks to the efforts of several Chamber of Commerce groups in my riding.

The Halton Hills Chamber and the Burlington Chamber sponsored a Deficit–Reduction BBQ earlier this year in a direct attempt to help our country through grassroots fund raising. Over 600 people came, listened to the

finance minister speak, and did something positive for Canada.

Critics abound, Mr. Speaker, but so do the average, concerned and involved Canadians like the constituents of my riding who today give money in order to help Canada's future.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of the House to one of the most incredible feats of swallowing oneself whole ever witnessed in Canadian political history.

I refer, of course, to the phoney comments made by the House leader for the New Democratic Party dealing with the GST. On the one hand he issued an open letter urging the public to support the Liberal senators' fight to kill the Tory GST. Then only two days ago in front of the cameras he decried the very existence of an unelected Senate and wanted it abolished. Now we see his forthright buddies at Queen's Park, led by Premier Bob, about to endorse and embrace the GST and they have already dropped their opposition to the Tory stacking of the Senate.

Will the hon. NDP House leader now fish or cut bait? Are they in support of the Liberal Senate's actions, or will they continue with the cynical double-speak that is now the trademark of the federal New Democratic Party?

[Translation]

BUILDING OF AN AIR TERMINAL AT LG-2

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the James Bay Development Corporation is building a new \$7 million air terminal at LG-2 in Abitibi with the co-operation of Hydro-Québec, the James Bay power corporation and the government of Canada.

The new flight information station will be located on the second floor of the air terminal and manned by five flight information experts and three electronic technicians serving a region of 145,000 square kilometers around James Bay.