

Borrowing Authority Act

produce steady jobs for our workers who urgently need them. Above all, the Budget, with both a modern and truly Canadian dimension, reflects something that has long since been cast away by the previous administration. It reflects a warranted hope and a faith in the Canadian people, its vitality and its capacity to grasp the opportunities and invest in their own future.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members in this House to strongly support Bill C-51 the Borrowing Authority Act, 1985-86 (No. 2).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Questions, comments.

Mr. Manly: I was hoping to be able to ask a question. I believe that there is someone here from—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There were no questions or comments. If the Hon. Member is participating in the debate, then I will recognize him as the next speaker.

Mr. Manly: I was hoping, Mr. Speaker, just to ask some questions.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It is a little late to ask questions or make comments. I will recognize the next speaker for debate if there is another speaker. If there is not, is the House ready for the question?

● (1610)

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to take in this very important debate today. I would like to mention that this legislation has been the subject of frequent debate and that the debate on Bill C-51, which concerns the provision of borrowing authority, gives Members an opportunity to review the Government's record.

Mr. Speaker, I heard the Parliamentary Secretary refer to his Government's three-fold priority, and he had the nerve to rank job creation first. Mr. Speaker, the figures we received in April from Statistics Canada showed that for the week ending April 20, even if the Minister is bragging about having created jobs, one group was particularly disadvantaged. Mr. Speaker, I am referring to young people 25 years old or under.

Mr. Speaker, the number of jobs for young people of 25 or under hardly increased at all during the last few months. In fact the opposite is true. So we have a situation where unemployment among young people from 15 to 24 affects 489,000 young men and women who cannot become active members of the labour force and cannot participate fully in the progress of our society. And considering this fact, Mr. Speaker, I feel that legitimate though this request for borrowing authority may be, the borrowing is not being done for the right reasons.

Mr. Speaker, let me explain. This is International Youth Year, with its three major themes: participation, development and peace. At a time when participation should be a fundamental priority, when 500,000 young Canadians are anxious to take an active part in society and become active members of the labour force, the Government, through its failure to opt clearly in favour of the most dynamic elements of our society, through its lack of interest for this segment of our population, is compromising the hopes of an entire generation. The Parliamentary Secretary has said nothing to convince me his Government is at all concerned about youth unemployment. The Budget contains no reference to helping young people enter the labour market. No programs to help young people. However, Mr. Speaker, during the election campaign, that same Government was filling our ears with promises that could not have been more generous.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There being no questions or comments, before I recognize the next speaker, it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 45 to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald)—Cultural Affairs—Request for tax measures to assist artists and writers. (b) Unemployment insurance inquiry; the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier)—Public Service—Job classification—government position; the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart)—Social Security—Benefits paid to widows and widowers aged 60 to 64 years—Exclusion of single, divorced and separated persons.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1985-86 (NO. 2)

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald (for the Minister of State (Finance)) that Bill C-51, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be now read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few comments on this Bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There was no one who rose on questions and comments and I am recognizing the next speaker. Is the Hon. Member the next speaker for his Party?