

Mr. Mazankowski: Simply because your own minister said he would do it.

Mr. Chrétien: He called for more money for that operation. Then on the same day, October 21, the hon. member for Joliette asked for more money for the LIP program.

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Mr. La Salle: Dépensez l'argent à la bonne place.

Mr. Chrétien: Don't try and say things out of both sides of your mouth. According to the speech of the Leader of the Opposition, we are spending too much. I do not say that; I am quoting the official opposition. I do not know whether he is wrong or right. I am trying to illustrate the unity of this party on major policy. In the first allotted day that they have in this House, the opposition members are asking us to cut expenditures.

Mr. Mazankowski: Tell us about Mirabel and the 20,000 bucks spent on booze.

Mr. Chrétien: The hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling) wanted the government to extend the French program for a longer period. I do not say he is wrong, but he should have talked to his leader before his leader made his speech. The hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp)—I do not know which party he belongs to—wants us to put more money into research programs for agriculture. That would not be cutting expenditure.

As for the party at Mirabel, another nice gentleman got up on his feet the other day and talked about that. The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) suggested an amendment to increase expenditure in the fisheries department to cover fishermen. I do not say he is right or wrong; I am just telling him to ask his leader what he thinks about that before asking the question. I have with me a pile of questions which are asked in this House by hon. members opposite every day. The Leader of the Opposition wanted an inquiry into the unemployment insurance program. He should go to the committee and ask that question.

Mr. Forrestall: Go to the committee? Be credible.

Mr. Chrétien: When we did not have a committee, hon. members were complaining because we did not provide them with the information on which to ask questions. The officials are there, and hon. members can have the director of the program there to answer questions.

Mr. Woolliams: I have never heard such nonsense in my life.

Mr. Chrétien: You are referring to the speech that your leader made a few minutes ago, are you?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order. I must remind hon. members at this time that they are supposed to address the Chair, not each other across the aisle.

Mr. Yewchuk: Say something positive.

Mr. Chrétien: The Leader of the Opposition made a general accusation today. I expected him to be precise. He said he was not asking the government to cut the DREE

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program, but he was asking that it be made more efficient. There is, of course, room for more efficiency in many areas; I do not deny that. But he did not suggest that we cut one cent from the program. Out of the \$34 billion budget of the government, not one item was identified by the Leader of the Opposition apart from the party that was held at Mirabel two weeks ago, which I could not attend anyway, so I did not benefit from it. Hon. members should be more precise. In the budget last June—

Mr. Fairweather: Whose budget was that, and where is he?

Mr. Chrétien: The hon. gentleman was here a minute ago.

Mr. Baldwin: Now you see him, now you don't.

Mr. Chrétien: We have proposed a series of cuts amounting to \$967 million.

Mr. Baldwin: Nonsense.

Mr. Chrétien: It is not nonsense. I can go through each department that has had to make cuts. I have received representations from members on the other side of the House asking me to make more money available for the small craft harbours program. Some members of the opposition asked me not to cut that program. We have made cuts in agriculture and in communications. If hon. members have not read this list that has been published, I could table it. It would take me five minutes to read it. They make statements dealing in generalities, without being specific on anything. They do not have the guts to be specific.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) claims I am not spending enough and neither is the government. He is not asking us to make cuts. I do not like to hear the official opposition asking us today to cut expenditure, when in every question period that we have one of them gets up and asks us to spend a little more money here and a little more money there. They should be logical. As I say, we have cut \$967 million from the budget brought down in June.

Mr. Crouse: Be honest.

Mr. Chrétien: That is the fact. I will table the list, if you have not read it; but hon. members opposite do not want it printed in *Hansard*. I can read all five pages of it, if you want me to do so.

Mr. MacEachen: Read it through, Jean.

Mr. Chrétien: These are the expenditure reductions. Department of Agriculture, Canadian Dairy Commission, \$14 million; multipurpose exhibition facilities, \$2.5 million; Farm Credit Corporation, \$20 million; Department of Communications, professional and special services, \$200,000; Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation, \$2.9 million; Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, energy, research and development—

Mr. Forrestall: Come on, say something.