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thousands of jobs in Canada. Our product was good, we were price competitive, but because of a lack of imagination in financing we lost the sales. So we are saying in this party, which believes in the dynamics of a mixed economy, that it is time the Government of Canada in its trade policies put together an aggressive approach which not only takes good Canadian products such as steel and others which do exist, but matches them with imaginative financing programs so we can sell abroad. That, too, would produce jobs at home.

Because my time is short, Mr. Speaker, I want now to move an amendment to the motion and speak briefly to it. I move:

That the motion be amended by adding thereto after the word "now" the following:

And that this government be condemned for accepting the advice of the finance critic of the official opposition when he recently urged the government to maintain its high interest rate policy as it affects mortgages.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, speaking briefly to that motion, I want to make the following observation. I said earlier that the Liberals by their approach have been proven to be intellectually bankrupt and morally indifferent to the concerns of Canadians. Well, I want to say, in listening to the speech of the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Clark) today, that if that can be said of the Liberals, then what one can say honestly of the Tories is that they are morally bankrupt and intellectually indifferent. I say that because they have the nerve to put into words in their main motion a policy which goes—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired. Nevertheless, he may continue if there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The motion has been amended as follows: Moved by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

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The question is on the amendment. The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) on a point of order?

Mr. Nielsen: I am just going briefly to ask the Chair to rule on the admissibility of that amendment. It goes beyond the motion on the Order Paper, in my submission, and should not be accepted by the Chair.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I will take that under advisement at this time and permit the debate to continue. I will make a ruling at a later time after consulting with the

Table. The hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty).

An hon. Member: The minister for housing.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair is placed in a difficult situation right now. There was confusion, and I recognized one hon. member. I recognized the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) on a point of order, and I did not see the minister rise. We do alternate at all times, but now—

An hon. Member: Don't be foolish.

Some hon. Members: Order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I do not think the Chair wants to be foolish at any time. I just thought I would seek the advice and co-operation of hon. members. There is the tradition of alternating speakers. I did recognize the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe, and I am now in the hands of the House. If the House does not want to continue the tradition of alternating speakers and go to the minister, I will accept its guidance. The Chair will be then free at any time—and I am warning you—to recognize two or three speakers from the opposition or from the government side. If we break with that tradition, it will be broken often, and that is not being foolish, as I heard some hon. member say. The Chair made a mistake and I will recognize an hon. member from the opposition; but, as I say, this is breaking with tradition.

Mr. Beatty: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, just to facilitate the afternoon's proceedings, I would like to indicate that I would be quite prepared to allow the minister responsible for housing to go first. I think he is a very important participant in this debate which centres on the question of housing, and I think all Canadians would be very anxious to hear what he has to say. I would be quite prepared to follow him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the House did not permit the hon. leader of the NDP (Mr. Broadbent) to continue his very interesting, if somewhat hypothetical—

Mr. Crosby: You did not let the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) continue.

Mr. Cosgrove:—treatise on his interpretation of the economic malaise and his offered suggestions for cure or remedy this afternoon. It was apparent that the Liberal side of the House was quite content to hear the explanation and support for the amendment that he offered. However, we have not had that advantage.

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I did have the advantage of hearing the appeals of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) when he asked for