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I do not need to go into the rest of the citation, but every citation that Your Honour will find in Beauchesne's dealing with bills and the procedure for dealing with them in the House of Commons refers to the principle of a bill, not principles.

Yet, this government has taken into its head that every policy that it puts into a bill somehow becomes one of the multitude of principles in every one of their bills. We have this nonsense in the motion today saying that this amendment contradicts the principles of the bill. The government clearly does not know what the principle of this bill is. It think it has more than one. It does not have one more than one. It can only have one under the rules. If it has more than one, it should have been divided into several bills.

We did not hear the Minister of State for Finance offering to split this bill into various categories. The bill has one principle, not violated by these amendments. What these amendments seek to do is modify the outrageous taxes that this government has sought to impose. I know the Minister of State for Finance finds this humorous. He thinks that the taxation of Canadians is funny, but I assure him it is not. Canadians do not think so. As my hon. friend in the New Democratic Party says, Canadians certainly do not think so.

**Mr. Butland:** What friends?

**Mr. Milliken:** My hon. friend knows, as well as I do, that his party is going to support us in our opposition to this bill. It has done so consistently so far, and I am sure the hon. members of that party are going to support the Senate, as they do now on almost every occasion, in rejecting government bills. I am delighted to see that they have had this change of heart, and I am delighted to know that we will have their support later today in the vote on this particular matter, should it come that soon.

I also want to deal with the minister's comments on the government's record of assurance. In discussing how seniors should look at the situation, he said: "Looking at the government's record, there need be no worry that the government itself would adjust the amounts of the base for the clawback purposes".

In other words, the government would adjust the \$50,000 upward, to keep pace with inflation. That had to be one of the most bold-faced statements I have ever

heard. There is not a senior in this country who will trust this government with his or her money. This is the government that proposed deindexing their pensions. This is the same government.

**Mr. Kempling:** I am a senior citizen. I know.

**Mr. Milliken:** The hon. member knows perfectly well that it was his government that proposed to deindex pensions. The hon. members says no, he was here. He must have been ashamed of the way his cabinet carried on. Certainly it withdrew the proposal after the Prime Minister was called unparliamentary names outside the precincts. The fact is it had that proposal on the books. That is what the government wanted to do. If that was not enough, it indexed all the deductions for income tax, the sneaky, hidden tax that it has applied to every Canadian by taking away the indexing of the deductions under the Income Tax Act.

**Mr. Kempling:** Senior citizens in Canada are better off than anyone in the world.

**Mr. Milliken:** The hon. member for Burlington thinks that seniors will be better off under this government and its rules. They are not better off. Their taxes have been increased 31 times. Their taxes have been sneakily increased by reason of the deindexation of their deductions and now they are being taxed by this Bill C-28 by having their old age security pensions taken away from them.

The hon. member for Burlington should be ashamed of his support of the government and so should the hon. member for Macleod whom I see grinning in the back. I will go on—

**Mr. Kempling:** I'm a senior citizen. I know.

**Mr. Milliken:** The hon. member for Burlington protests that he is a senior citizen and he knows. Well, he has not started paying this tax yet because the bill has not been passed. Wait until he starts paying the tax, then he will know differently.

The other point I wanted to make is that the minister says we should trust the government because after all their record has been so great. If the statements and facts that I brought to light are not enough to convince people that the government cannot be trusted in this, I do not know what more evidence we need.