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**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I have told the Hon. Member that it is important that we share the load of these tax increases so that the load of reducing the deficit is not borne just by those Canadians who are disadvantaged, or by those Canadians who live in the less advantaged regions of the country.

However, I would point out to him that personal disposable income in 1985 rose by 8 per cent, and it is forecast to rise by 6.3 per cent in 1986, and again by 5 per cent in 1987.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Now answer the question.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** All of these include the impact of those taxes.

#### IMPACT ON AVERAGE FAMILY

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, let me try to put the question to the Minister as simply as I can. I will do it slowly. Is it possible for the Minister to produce for the House the impact figures of all the tax increases on the average Canadian family, introduced by the Government since it took office, in order to show that our figure of \$1,305 is somehow in error?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, if I can share a phone conversation that I had with the Leader of the New Democratic Party—

**Mr. Deans:** Why don't you tell me the number?

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** —he has included in his \$1,300 figure the effects of the sales tax increase brought about by the Liberal Party in the 1983 Budget, I believe.

**Mr. Deans:** Which you implemented.

**Mr. Broadbent:** You brought it in. What are you talking about?

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** As well, there are the unemployment insurance premiums which, by legislation, we are bound to bring in, plus the petroleum compensation charge which we have eliminated but was required under the legislation.

**Mr. Broadbent:** No, it was not.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** That is the reason why I believe about \$450 of that figure of the NDP was fictitious.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### Oral Questions

#### ENERGY

##### CRUDE OIL PRICE PROJECTIONS

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In his Budget document entitled *Towards a Sustained Expansion: Canada's Economic Prospects, 1986-1991*, he says on page 23 that his budget forecasts are based on a crude price for 1986 of \$22.50 a barrel, yet in the same document at page 20 at table 4, he says that the 1986 price for crude oil will be \$23.88 a barrel. Why is there this discrepancy in the Minister's own budget documents?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I would agree with those figures because the Party that the Hon. Member represents sometimes misuses figures. I will check the figures and give the Hon. Member a response.

##### MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, there is a definite contradiction and the Minister does not know what figure he is using. In any event, both of them are out of line. Will the Minister admit this and acknowledge that it is time to get back to the drawing board?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I think the drawing board has produced a masterpiece.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** I can see from the look on their faces that the Members opposite agree. I have answered that question before.

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#### FINANCE

##### IMPACT OF TAX INCREASES

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Why will the Minister of Finance simply not come clean with the Canadian people and table in the House the total impact of the tax increases he has imposed on the Canadian people since his Government was elected?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, these figures are set out clearly in the various documents that have been presented in the House and I encourage the Hon. Member to read them himself.

##### CALCULATION OF TAX INCREASES

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, does the Minister of Finance agree with the calculations made by my Party that the total tax impact of the Minister's three Budgets on the Canadian people is \$1,300 for the average Canadian family?