

Because of the disruption of moving plans, the cost of the re-establishment of the regional office in Cornwall will be greater than the original estimates.

According to the Treasury Board submission, nearly half of the compensation paid to employees because of cancellation, or \$536,000, will not be covered by current Treasury Board policy. The Treasury Board more or less dismisses this little discrepancy by calling it an act of grace.

Here are some examples of where this money will go. The spouse of one Parks Canada employee will receive a lump sum payment of \$30,000 to cover "career injury, interim costs and lost income" caused by the cancellation. Another employee who declined a promotion elsewhere because he preferred to move to Peterborough will receive a lump sum payment of \$10,000. The list of such payments is too long to read here, but these examples should give some idea of the ridiculous position the taxpayers have been placed in unnecessarily.

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The \$1.1 million cost of the cancellation does not take into account the potential legal actions that are likely to be launched by employees for personal suffering, career prejudice, mental anguish and other suffering. There is also the question of a decline in employee morale due to the uncertainty of their situation. The government has certainly bungled this Parks Canada transfer, and that is a high price to pay just to thank the people of Cornwall for voting Liberal.

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, I rise to participate in this debate on Bill C-30, an act that may be cited as a borrowing authority, 1980-81. Before I get into discussing the bill, I would just like to mention a couple of debates that have gone on before and the shock and the sadness I experienced last night when my colleague, the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman), was discussing some of the problems in the west.

I believe it is fair to say that the members of this House have a very great duty to all of Canada, not just their specific regions. Although they do represent their constituencies, they have to assess Canada as a whole. I will quote the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) who, speaking in Regina on June 2 said:

It is important now for all Canadians, members of both founding groups, native Canadians and those that have come from many other lands, to join together to build a stronger Canada. We must work together to meet legitimate aspirations of all parts of this great country.

However, last night when my colleague from Fraser Valley West was discussing just those regional problems and expressing concerns of the west, the names of three provincial ministers, all of a different political stripe, were mentioned in this House. When their names were mentioned, some members in this House booed them. I am from Ontario. I am a Progressive Conservative and proud to be one. Also, I am from Brampton where the premier of Ontario resides. In fact, he is my MPP. I do not always agree with him. I do not always agree with Mr. Blakeney, Mr. Lougheed or Mr. Bennett, but I have respect for them and the constituencies they represent.

Borrowing Authority Act

I was shocked and saddened in this House to hear members here boo provincial premiers. We should all be ashamed of that action last night.

An hon. Member: It was the Liberal members.

Mr. McDermid: It was Liberal and NDP members.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McDermid: Read *Hansard* and you will see. I will now discuss the borrowing bill. I was interested in listening to my friend from Ottawa Centre last night, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Evans), come here to bamboozle us with some figures, figures that quite honestly do not mean a thing to the public.

How can the general public relate to \$12 billion? There it is, \$12 billion, represented in that one piece of paper. I tried to break that down so maybe the average Canadian could understand what it is. In round figures, it is \$33 million a day. Really, that is a little hard to conceive, so let's break it down to an hourly rate. It is \$1,400,000 an hour. That is also difficult to comprehend. There are very few millionaires here, except for a few on the other side.

Let us break it down to a minute. It is \$23,000 a minute and, as we know, that is far above the average Canadian salary. Let's break it down to per second. This government wants us to approve a bill that will allow them to borrow \$400 a second over the next year.

Mr. Chénier: He can count!

Mr. McDermid: Certainly I can count. You guys can't. Do we really need to approve this borrowing authority? I think not, not without giving the specifics. If you, Mr. Speaker, went to your bank manager in Ottawa West and asked for \$10,000, and you would not tell him what it is for, how you were going to spend it, how you were going to pay it back, just asked him to give it to you, he would kick you out of the bank. We should kick these guys out for their nerve in asking for \$12 billion.

Mr. Chénier: That's what Canadians did to you, and don't forget it.

Mr. McDermid: Perhaps Parliament should tell the government that same thing, since it does not want to tell us what the \$12 billion will be used for, or where the Liberals plan to steer this country in the next four years. The other day in question period the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said part of the deficit is going to go to the guaranteed income supplement, the \$35 income supplement this House passed within the last few days. That is not what he said in the campaign. I remember very distinctly that on January 12 his great platform was that there would be no new expenditures, that we would redirect old funding to provide these things. Specifically, with regard to the guaranteed income supplement, he made the commitment to the Canadian people that the money would come from increased corporate taxes, yet yesterday at page 1626 of *Hansard* he said: