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The 1995 budget also put some things in context for Canadians. Our inflation was the lowest of the G-7 nations and our economy grew at a rate of 4.25 per cent, the fastest of the G-7 nations.

Our export growth is strong; 433,000 full time jobs have been created since January 1994. The unemployment rate has fallen by 1.7 percentage points. Our cost competitiveness is the highest in 40 years and yet we remain burdened by high national debt and continue to pay off our interest.

There is optimism. Canadians know we have a rational plan for deficit reduction. We are taking the right steps. We will achieve our deficit targets. In the last year we not only achieved them, we surpassed them by \$4.2 billion. We aspired confidence.

Now is the time for hard decisions. We must make forward thinking investments for the future. Our aim is sustainable jobs and growth, with sensitive cuts and responsible spending.

The budget shows our commitment to future generations. We cannot stand idle by the impact of our decisions or past actions. We must not squander limited resources, but use them in an intelligent and effective manner.

Precious Canadian taxpayers' dollars must be put to work effectively. This budget is a terrific step in that plan of action. Canadians are the winners in this budget. They made their voices heard and this budget is there because of them.

I thank the many residents of Burlington who participated in this process. We are all winners. We will have a stronger nation. We will all have better lives.

Mr. Randy White (Fraser Valley West, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I was overwhelmed by the speech of my colleagues about these mean Reformers here. There is a bit of paranoia among the government members about the budget.

There are a couple of things in particular about her speech that are really intriguing to me. The hon, member suggests the government is going to meet its targets and Canada will be forever thankful when the Liberals meet their targets, three per cent of GDP, approximately \$25 billion a year. We would really like to thank this government at the end of its budget exercise for overspending by \$25 billion a year. Somehow I am not sure a lot of folks out there think much of that.

What is the idea of overspending by \$25 billion a year? Is that is a good idea or a bad idea?

Would the hon. member justify how this Liberal government can mess around with MPs' pensions and come up with \$4 million on the old plan and \$3.16 million in the new plan, like the minister of immigration. How can they justify that and cut

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all the other programs back? Maybe they could get rid of the paranoia over there.

The Speaker: Like many members, I am interested in paranoia. I am going to let the hon, member think about it for a bit. She will have the floor when we come after question period.

It being 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 30(5), the House will now proceed to Statements by Members.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

INTERNET

Mr. Sarkis Assadourian (Don Valley North, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 7, 1995 Ernst Zundel, a leading Nazi propagandist, confirmed to the *Globe and Mail* that he is preparing a link to the global information network through a computer to be based in the U.S. or Europe.

His plans for Internet include posting the transcripts of his trials as well as material regarding the second world war, what the Canadian Jewish Congress calls Holocaust denial material.

Mr. Zundel's plan shows why it is necessary to regulate Internet. Other media outlets are accountable to someone. Internet is not.

I urge the House to condemn Ernst Zundel and Zundels afterward for racist and hate mongering activities. All members of the House must stand together and send a loud and clear message that promotion of hatred against any identifiable group is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by Canadians.

[Translation]

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Mrs. Christiane Gagnon (Québec, BQ): Mr. Speaker, to our dismay and indignation, we heard yesterday that Algerian Islamic fundamentalists took another young girl as the innocent victim of the intolerance that now rocks that country.

Since five leaders of the Islamic Front were sentenced to death by a symbolic tribunal of women gathered in Algiers to commemorate International Women's Day, other innocent women have been slaughtered.

The list of Algerian girls and women assassinated, tortured and raped by fundamentalists is getting longer as the months go by. The official tally of women assassinated by armed fundamentalists between the months of August 1993 and December 1994 is 112, including 6 students.