

able to stabilize the amount of debt in percentage terms regarding the GNP. We are on the right track.

It is interesting also to note that this borrowing request of \$22.6 billion is 25 per cent less than it was for the previous year when financial requirements were running in the \$30 billion range. We have things under control.

Again, if you look at the financial plan, you will see that by fiscal 1990-91 the financial requirement, the amount of money to be borrowed, will be down to \$10 billion, something that we, at that time, should be able to handle quite comfortably.

I want to express my congratulations to the Minister of Finance on what he has been able to do in the short time we have been in office. He has been able to get under control what many people thought was a completely unmanageable situation that had been left by the Liberal Government.

I would urge Hon. Members of this House to vote against the nonsensical amendment offered by the New Democratic Party and to get on with the job and pass this necessary borrowing authority Bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): We will resume debate. The Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez).

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, as I look at this borrowing Bill, I feel like a mosquito in a nudist colony. I do not know where to start.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rodriguez: Do you know that yesterday the swallows returned to Capistrano, Mr. Speaker? That is a sure sign that spring has arrived. I look across and I want to know where the Alberta Tories are in this House at a time when the people of Alberta, the ordinary working men and women of Alberta, need them.

Mr. Towers: Right here.

Mr. Rodriguez: Where?

Mr. Towers: Right here. What about the Speaker?

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Mr. Rodriguez: Where is the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour)?

Mr. Towers: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I want to tell the New Democratic Party that every single Albertan is worth two or three New Democrats any day of the week.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is debate, not a point of order.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, I see that the Hon. Member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers) has woken up. Members are here but they do not speak for the people of Alberta, the ordinary working men and women of Alberta. Where are they?

This is a time when their voices should be heard in this House. They are going to allow the Sheikh of Araby to make oil prices for Canadians. Is it not about time that we had an oil price made in Canada?

Mr. Waddell: The Energy Minister got going.

Mr. Rodriguez: The Energy Minister did what?

Mr. Waddell: She got going.

Mr. Rodriguez: Here we have 120,000 people working in the oil industry in Alberta. That province is bleeding and suffering, as you well know. I notice you are pointing to yourself, Mr. Speaker. Yes, they are suffering and yet there are 21 Members, all Tories represented here. They cannot claim obstruction in this House anymore. You have got it all. You have your way with us. What are you doing for the people of Alberta?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I think we will stop right there. The Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) will have five minutes remaining.

Mr. Rodriguez: That is the shortest speech I ever made, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Gauthier: We could extend the time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. It being 5 o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1). Good Night.

The House adjourned at 5 p.m.