

going to fight, but all things considered, we all know that this will not settle the problem.

What will this department do? It will carry out studies, it will set up royal inquiries and will appoint commissioners to travel throughout Canada and see by themselves that pollution does exist. Anyway, we already know that it will pay fantastic amounts of money and for what result? To set up such bodies as, for instance, the Textile and Clothing Board which will be practically useless. In any case, the already overtaxed Canadians will have to foot the bill.

Besides, no use waiting for the minister's explanations since his masters, namely the bankers, have already answered on his behalf. The Chairman of the Bank of Montreal has already stated: "Let us deny abundance to all Canadians, let us refuse participation by each Canadian to this country's wealth, let Canadians tighten their belt to pay for pollution".

This is why I am quite sorry that the government keeps on, by all kinds of bills—including Bill C-207—creating departments, eliminating some of them, organizing or disorganizing the administration, appointing secretaries and firing them, granting salary increases, and all this merely to inform the population and put a bandaid on a wooden leg without ever solving the basic problem.

The basic issue is economic. As long as money is not tamed, as long as money has not been put at the service of human beings, as long as this government fails to create the financial tools for financing those various programs—even if they are good—he will not be able to reach its goals.

This government would have the best laws in the world if it could only afford the necessary financial and fiscal policies to implement these programs which, under the present system, will only contribute to an increase in the private and public debt of Canada and will spread poverty in our affluent country.

It is high time the government stopped introducing new legislative measures designed only to change a few names, to shift a few people, to increase a few salaries or to make a favour to a few civil servants. Let it rather tackle the basic problems, review its financial and fiscal policies, consider new opportunities for Canada to set up a system in which money will serve man and not the other way around, as is now the case.

The government is proposing to set up a new department to fight pollution but they will have to tell us some day how they intend to finance this program.

The only logical solution for the government is to keep on taxing people. In the meantime, we see the right hon. Prime Minister drop four millions without interest in Indonesia, another million and a half here, another million there. In the meantime, the provincial and municipal debts keep piling up, and so does our national debt.

This war on pollution can only be waged with the co-operation of the provincial and municipal governments which cannot afford it since they are already in debt up to their ears. The public debt of Quebec, for instance, rose by 100 per cent within four years while the

public debt of Canada climbed by 40 per cent within three years.

This shows that we are in a serious predicament but we shall not wipe off our debts by plunging head on into new ones.

Mr. Speaker, as members of the Ralliement créditiste, we urge the government to review its positions on money matters and to set up an adequate machinery. The Bank of Canada should serve the Canadian people. The government should take measures aimed at human beings, such as the compensated discount and a national dividend, in order to carry out the only essential reform in Canada, that is an economic reform and respect all Canadian citizens by enabling them to develop normally as they are entitled to.

Finally, I regret that the government should crush the Canadian people, keep ignoring them; at the same time, it messes about changing, setting up, organizing and disorganizing ministries, while distracting the people from the real problem of an economic nature.

I consider that the problem is there and unavoidable. The more we delay coming to grips with it, the more thoughtless bankers, such as Mr. Arnold Hart, will be able to say: The Canadian people will still have to pay. Meanwhile, the banker thrives; he takes advantage of the funds provided by the government. I believe that the war on pollution should start "in the head" of those who make fun of others and only make the problem worse.

Strangely enough, in Canada, the governments protect big finance. A review of the Bank Act takes place every ten years, but nothing is changed; more and more power is given to the banks and to private financial institutions. Thus, the Bank of Canada remains a puppet organization.

Let the Bank of Canada play its full role and, instead of speaking of reorganizing the government as we do in this bill, let us deal with the reorganization of the Bank of Canada, that it might really serve Canadians. Strangely enough, every year a bill on the reorganization of government is introduced in Canada, but no mention is ever made of including the Bank of Canada in this reorganization.

Government members may find my remarks amusing. They may be out of place but, to my mind, this bill is completely off the track. It is not intended to solve any of the problems which now confront Canadians.

This is absolutely ridiculous. It is making fun of Canadian people and still amounts to creating a just society for a small group of men, at the expense of the majority of Canadians.

To conclude my remarks, I can only repeat that as long as the monetary system is not reorganized, all other reorganizations will not solve the problem but on the contrary, they will only be a matter of entertainment for the people and especially the government members.

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**Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, in the few minutes available before ten o'clock I should like to speak briefly about two sections of the bill before us. Part VII deals with public service superannuation. This is the