

debt. The statements amount to nothing but a complete fraud on the Canadian taxpayer.

This bill is being printed at the expense of the Canadian taxpayers in order to convince them that something is happening which is not happening. It is a game of smoke and mirrors. People are going to be duped by this. This will be an effort. The government will boast all around the country that it has done something with GST revenues to make sure they are not spent on other things.

What is the real restraint? Suppose the government tomorrow decides to go ahead with some new policy on handing out money as it does to its advertising agencies to advertise something about the Government of Canada. How much is it going to spend advertising this new fund? I wonder.

The hon. member for Calgary Northeast is familiar with government advertising procedures. He used to be a supporter of the government, and he knew what it used to do. He must realize it will commit all kinds of fraud with this advertising campaign. It will spend millions of dollars handing out advertising contracts to Tory fat cats.

**Mr. Lewis:** Naturally.

**Mr. Milliken:** Naturally, says the Solicitor General. Of course they will. They have to advertise this bill. They have to convince Canadians that their money is being spent wisely and it isn't.

This is a sheer public relations exercise, a smoke and mirrors game that the government is involved in at the expense of the taxpayers of Canada. How much is the government spending to get this bill through this House? How much is it costing in terms of time wasted in Parliament dealing with such a silly bill as this?

It was months in committee.

**Mr. Lewis:** Sit down.

**Mr. Milliken:** The Solicitor General invites me to sit down. I know that he will want to participate in this debate too, so I will wait until he is finished his notes.

Canadians realize that this bill is not something worth while and that money is being wasted in putting it through here. There will be a further advertising campaign as there was for free trade, for the GST and for all kinds of unpopular measures introduced by this government. We get it every time we turn around.

### *Government Orders*

Canadians will say: "Why is this money being spent to establish a fund that does absolutely no good?"

I put a question on the Order Paper today asking how many person-years are going to be set aside in the Public Service to administer this fund which will do absolutely nothing to assist in reducing the deficit or the national debt of Canada. I will get an answer, I suppose, in due course.

But the government must have projected somebody to cook the books every year to figure out how this is to be done. There will be somebody from the Auditor General's office doing an audit on it every year to make sure that the government has lived up to the terms of this act by making sure the money is transferred into this phoney account and then back out again to pay the interest on the debt.

I suppose we will go through all this bookkeeping exercise in order to give the Conservative Party some kind of campaign brochure, some kind of document that it can run about with during the election and say it has actually done something about the national debt when in fact all it has done is make it worse.

When looking at the record, the litany, in fact, of broken promises of this government and thinking particularly of child care and the hullabaloo that was made about that, one can only imagine what this bill represents in terms of promise.

I well recall during the last campaign the Prime Minister ran around the country saying that we would have had child care if it were not for the evil Senate. It was the Senate, the Liberal-dominated Senate—and thank goodness it was Liberal-dominated at the time and it is a shame that it is not any more. I know the Solicitor General regrets that. The Senate at the time of course blocked the legislation, according to the Prime Minister, that would have implemented a child care scheme in Canada.

The Senate offered to sit all weekend to get the bill through but the Prime Minister would have none of that. No, no. He dissolved Parliament instead. He then went to the people saying that child care was killed because of the Senate.

Now we know it was never the government's intention to proceed with it. It has never proceeded with it and the Minister of National Health and Welfare just the other day said there would be no national child care scheme.