

*Government Orders*

**Mr. Hudon:** Sure, tell your colleague to let me speak and stop breaking wind just so I can complete my question.

As it happens, Bill C-21 which is still under consideration includes a provision to transfer funds for better training programs. We are not necessarily saying they were cut off. The money is there. That is how I interpret Bill C-21. This is not the first time the other place—Take Bill C-22 on drugs, patents and what have you, it made four or five return trips between the two Houses, but we finally enacted the legislation. With respect to free trade we even had to go through an election before we managed to get it through. My colleague should not belittle the role of the Senate or of the other House because it is now systematically blocking a measure which the government has every right to adopt, particularly when taken in the context of budget expenditures and increases.

Madam Speaker, I want to tell you that between 1980 and 1985 the percentages of budget increases were 3.7, 11.9, 10.3, 5.8 and 8.9. Since the new government took over, the increases in real federal expenditures were 2.2, 0.4, 2.6, 2.3 and 2.2. This country simply has to be put back on the right track. I agree with my colleague that there have been cut-backs in various sectors or various fields. But I must remind him that we did not cut back in education. The provinces may have received somewhat less than they expected to get, but there was an increase in some budgets or in the transfers made to the provinces.

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (Saint-Boniface):** Concerning the daycare centres, Madam Speaker, I am going to try and deal in turn with each and every point. If it is true that the bill died in the Senate, it is also true that if the government had really wanted to, it could have introduced a new bill during this session. It should not try, therefore, to blame this on another level of government. It is well aware that it could have done so. But it did not really want to do so for lack of courage and should not therefore try to pass the buck.

Now, concerning Bill C-21, which is now before the Senate, you have not yet recognized—perhaps if you did, I could accept that—that workers and employers will have to foot the bill for many of these training and

re-training programs, and that the government has withdrawn its participation almost entirely from the training and re-training area. That is something you are not saying! Beside that, the Prime Minister had claimed that his government would have the best programs in the world. Ask any worker, any employer, any Canadian man or woman whether you had the very best programs in the world. It is not true! That is going a little bit too far.

You mentioned that your expenditures had increased by 2 or 1 per cent. Listen, I do not know where you got your data, because in 1984, you had \$70 million in revenue and you have now over \$120 billion. What have you done with our money, the money of Canadian men and women? Where have you spent it all?

You have not recognized either that you had doubled the endebtment, but you did indeed.

**Mr. Corbeil:** How about the interests on the debt?

**Mr. Duhamel:** I made a little calculation, and I should like you to make the same, and if I am wrong, I will stand up in the House and apologize. But I made a little calculation, and if you use the interest on the debt which existed in 1984, you will realize that you spent more, Sir.

*[English]*

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James):** Madam Speaker, I am glad that my colleague from St. Boniface raised the matter of legislation brought forward by the government since the election, because I am convinced in my own mind as well, that if the people had been told what the government was going to do to VIA Rail, it would have been trashed in the 1988 election.

If the people had been told about the details of the GST, the government would not have been re-elected. If the people had been told about the UIC legislation, it would not have had a hope in the 1988 election. If the people of Canada had been told about the proposed cuts in transfer payments to the provinces, it would not have won the 1988 election. I think that my friend for St. Boniface has made some very good points.

I feel that the government has behaved so badly, so irresponsibly and so undemocratically since the 1988 election that it has lost all moral authority to govern the country. I want to ask my friend from St. Boniface whether he shares that feeling.