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the government is not going to get away with it. It is not going to get away with it. People are fed up.

**Mr. Bouchard (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, we are used to the rhetoric of the NDP, but I just want the member to be reasonable.

It is difficult, but he knows very well that some citizens in this country are well protected, even with 37 cents. No other group of people around the world can say that its spending power is protected so well for the 37 cents they receive.

They talk about children, people losing their jobs and so on. The rhetoric of the NDP is to spend money, spend money, spend money. That is the wonderful world where they are because they do not have to find the money.

Once again, be reasonable and tell the truth to Canadians. It is what we are about here, my friend.

**Mr. Waddell:** I will reply to the minister. Get out of your limousine, Mr. Minister. Get into the real world. Get out to McDonald's or the food banks. Get out of the big fat city that the Mulroney Tories are in. You may be gutless enough to not speak out in Quebec.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Order, please. I asked the hon. member to be relevant about the subject of the debate. Debate is on Bill C-60.

**Mr. Waddell:** I am relevant. I am saying to the House, to this fat bunch of Tories who are not listening, I am relevant. People have phoned me and said: "By God, we got 37 cents from this bunch and now they put an \$18 billion tax on us, collectively". This is why they are mad at you. My friend you live in a world—

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Order. I repeat once again that the debate is strictly on the motions to amend Bill C-60; consequently the scope of this debate is very narrow. I request the co-operation of the hon. member.

[*English*]

**Mr. Waddell:** I am dealing with this motion. The motion calls for harmonization. The motion talks about the GST. I am saying that to buy a hamburger with a

salad for \$4.99, seniors and other people in this country have to pay 35 cents in GST. The government wants to harmonize it with the provincial tax so they will pay more. And they are saying: "Thanks, you gave us—"

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The hon. member's time has expired.

**Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)):** Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the tirade of my hon. friend. He told us to get out of the fat cities. I saw him in fat city Toronto yesterday.

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. McDermid:** It is very easy to get the NDP going.

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I would like to know what the minister has against Toronto. There are seniors in Toronto who got their 37 cents and are paying the sales tax.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** That is not a point of order. It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. McDermid:** Mr. Speaker, I will talk to that. Let me just say that the government is going to oppose the motions that were presented by my hon. friend from Windsor.

**An hon. member:** Why?

**Mr. McDermid:** Because they are inappropriate for this bill, that is why.

One of the things my hon. friend fails to mention when he talks about increases in old age pensions is that by law and for many, many years senior citizens pensions have been indexed to the cost of living in our country. Because the inflation rate is so low, that is why they are getting that amount of increase in their cheques.

I agree with my hon. friend that it is a small amount but it is the law of the land. It is a law that was passed by this House of Commons and by the way, supported at the time by the New Democratic Party. I want that made very clear. They supported the indexing of senior citizens pensions. As a matter of fact, at that time I believe it was a unanimous decision of this House. So my hon. friend is railing away at the government and how terrible it is about this type of thing.