

*Borrowing Authority*

receive tax gifts from this Government and from the previous Government would always have to give an account of what they are doing for us in the way of creating jobs. Budget after budget after budget—it will be the same when this Government brings down its budget. We will hear sweet songs about how this tax gift and that tax gift to the corporations will make more jobs.

**Mr. Manly:** They never have.

**Mr. Heap:** Next year unemployment will be as high or higher because they will not make more jobs. As often as not corporations use the money to buy labour-saving devices that reduce jobs or they invest the money overseas. This Government, like the previous Government, will not have the guts to introduce the kinds of controls that we used during wartime in Canada and that are used now by most countries in western Europe.

There is no good reason why this Government should have increased the taxes on ordinary working people by an amount that probably averages out to \$500 more per family per year. This Government has taken, by its various pieces of legislation, \$500 more per family per year from those of low and middle income and has refused to take one penny of the kind of tax reform which the Prime Minister promised when he was asking for the votes of Canadians.

**Mr. Manly:** No wonder people have no confidence in the economy.

**Mr. Heap:** The Prime Minister talks about confidence. He is obviously looking for the confidence of investors who want a wide open situation so they can destroy this country with pollution, and poison the people with pollution so long as it makes more money. The Prime Minister obviously wants to bring in the kind of investors who will expect to cut wages because people have been cut off unemployment insurance and there are no more jobs available for them to find.

Where are those investors? They are not in the New York money market, so the spokesmen of the New York money market have told us.

**Mr. McDermid:** When did you start talking to them?

**Mr. Heap:** He is not going to bring in the investment that he promised because the domestic market in Canada is shrinking, not increasing, and foreign owners of Canadian branch plants have never shown any interest in building the competition in Canada against their parent firms.

The only possibility which the Prime Minister seems to leave open is reflected in his policy of promotion war. He not only votes against a nuclear freeze, he not only undertakes to send another brigade over to Europe, but he also posts a team of shoppers from the Pentagon to go across Canada to talk about buying war goods from Canadian industry. It appears that that is the only active means the Prime Minister is interested in taking to create the jobs which he promised. He wants to turn us into producers of the American means of destruction rather

than producers of the Canadian means of life. This borrowing Bill will not do anything to ameliorate the situation. I call upon the Government to use the next few weeks to reconsider the wrong direction which it is taking.

● (1450)

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I do not enjoy standing up and speaking about borrowing money. Out of necessity this borrowing Bill had to be brought before the House. It must be passed so that income tax rebates, among other things, can be given out early in the new year once they have been handled by the Department of National Revenue.

Anyone who sat in the House over the last number of years will remember that the Government used to use the old excuse that it did not have the authority to get the money out to the people or that it had not adjusted its computers to handle changes in the tax system. I see the Hon. House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition sitting across the way. Either he or the then Minister of National Revenue was responsible at that time for handing out the cheques.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** It was the Minister.

**Mr. McDermid:** In any event, they were not getting their rebates when they should. Of course, this borrowing will allow for that.

**Mr. Boudria:** Oh!

**Mr. McDermid:** Perhaps I should give a lesson to my hon. friend who has come here from the provincial House on a white charger. Of course, the demands on the federal Government are not consistent throughout the year. There are periods of time when there is a greater demand on the Treasury than at other times. One is in the spring when income tax rebates take place. The Hon. Member would not understand that after being in the provincial House, but we handle income tax in the federal House. Once he understands the responsibilities of a federal Member of Parliament, he will get along much better with everyone here. One of our responsibilities is to send rebates to those who are entitled to them.

**Mr. Boudria:** Whose policy is it that cut off the cheques? It is yours.

**Mr. McDermid:** Now we are borrowing money to pay these rebates because of the sins of that motley crew over there in the last 15 years. There is no question about it. This is what we are talking about today. We have to borrow money to pay the monumental bills which they built up over the last number of years. It is a shame. I am sorry that we have to come before the House to do that. I really am sorry. I do not like doing this, but it has to be done. Our hands are tied. We are forced to do that.

We are asking for two amounts of money. We are asking for \$7.3 billion to carry us through to the end of the 1984-85 fiscal year. I commend the Minister of State for Finance (Mrs. McDougall) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson)