

Government Orders

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Mrs. Maheu: Spit it out, Bernie.

Mr. Valcourt: Whenever the lady who is yelling over there buys a tube of lipstick, if she wears lipstick, there is no federal sales tax on it. Is there? Is there a federal sales tax on lipstick? Tell me. I don't wear any. I am going to tell her one thing, that when she and all ladies of Canada buy lipstick they pay 22 cents for the hidden manufacturers' sales tax. It goes right to the federal government to pay great members of Parliament on both sides of the House and to finance Canada. This tax is hidden.

There are 22,000 exceptions to this tax. This tax is confusing and stupid. Do you know what members of the Liberal Party are protecting? It is protecting *des bananes vertes*. Under that system a green banana is not taxable, but if it turns yellow it is. That is what they are protecting, and they laugh. It is not funny. It is the truth. That is why we want to change the tax system we have today:

[Translation]

Green bananas, yellow bananas.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think these people will be able to go on assuming Canadians are as stupid as they would like them to be and believe them to be, because these people are not stupid. You know, Prime Minister Mulroney is someone, and I said this before, who had a vision of this country. He had firm convictions. And today—

An hon. member: He has guts.

Mr. Valcourt: Yes, he has guts, and many Canadians are like him, because you see, I don't think Canada was built thanks to 20 years under their government. They talk about polls. They like talking about polls. The Liberals and the tie-wearing socialists keep mentioning the polls. If we wanted to govern by polls, we would probably be very high in the ratings, up there next to Audrey, but the country would be bankrupt, because for 20 years, we were governed— I am not that old, but I belong to a generation of Canadians who learned something from the previous Liberal government. It doesn't matter what you earn during your life. It doesn't matter what you earn in a week. What matters is that you can go and borrow money and don't have to worry about paying it back. Your children will do that for you.

An hon. member: That's true.

Mr. Valcourt: It was demonstrated by our Liberal predecessors.

[English]

Today the hon. member for Kamloops rose on this motion, and I made a few notes on what he said. It was horrible, but he said those things. He talked about the most unpopular. He talked about losing faith. He talked about free trade. He talked about debt and deficits.

This new breed of politicians, those *socialistes en cravate*, the great NDPers, those sanctimonious about everything, how can they stand in this House and talk to Canadians as did the member for Kamloops who blamed the government for not cutting the deficit? Then the member from Westminster stood and told Canadians that it was awful we had cut transfer payments to provinces, we had cut Canadians plans and that we had cut this and that. What the hell do they take Canadians for? Stupid? I do not think they are. That is why they would like an election tomorrow morning because—

[Translation]

—they spread a climate of fear in this country.

[English]

But again they miss it. Canadians are not stupid and they will see it when the election comes.

I remember two years ago to this very day the *socialistes en cravate* and the Grits had been out for two months telling all sorts of lies to Canadians. They said that the hospitals were going to close, the kids were going to be drafted by the U.S. Army, it was going to be terrible. Nothing like that happened because it was straight lies.

In the next election, the one that you will wish today that you never called for, you will get it. And when you get it, the people, Canadians, men and women, working people, will look at the record. They will look at the GST. They talk about the GST as if it was to harm Canadians. They want Canadians from coast to coast to believe that.

My colleague, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, my caucus colleagues and the cabinet, sit for hours every day trying to find out how we can harm Canadians. According to these people, that is the goal of the government. How can we harm Canadians? This is what we want, obviously, according to them. But I do not