

The Budget—Mr. Stevens

heaven's sake! How could you stand up and vote for an amendment of all these people you don't agree with?

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, I always notice that when one touches on something that is as dear as the—

Mr. Deans: Like truth?

Mr. Stevens: —partnership relationship between the government and the NDP, it always gets them very rattled.

Mr. Deans: Why did you support us last night, Sir?

Mr. Stevens: What I would be very curious to know—

Mrs. Mitchell: Oh, you were in bed last night.

Mr. Stevens: —is the full plan that the socialists to my left and the socialists—

Mr. Nielsen: To your left.

Mr. Stevens: —the Liberal Party in front of us—have for Canada. For example, if they believe that we should be still more socialized in this country—

Mr. Deans: Ernest Manning would be to your left!

Mr. Stevens: —would they do this for us in the House, Mr. Speaker? Would they tell us where their type of socialism is working to their liking in any country of the world?

Mrs. Mitchell: How about Saskatchewan?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans: I would be happy—is he asking a question?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order. Is the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) rising on a point of order?

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I have no choice but to recognize the hon. member if he stands, and I have to assume that he is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Deans: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member has asked me a question, and I would be delighted to answer him. I think he could take a look at the province of Saskatchewan—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Deans: —to see where that brand of socialism is working.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I do not think that intervention quite qualifies as a point of order.

Mr. Deans: Point of view, though.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): If the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) wants to entertain a question, I suppose he can; otherwise, the floor is his.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, again, of course, the hon. member was not listening to what I said. I asked him to show us any country in the world where socialism is working to his liking.

Mr. Deans: In Saskatchewan, in Canada!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stevens: Oh, we now have an admission from the left wing element of this government that we have, in fact, socialism in Canada!

Mr. Deans: In Saskatchewan.

Mr. Stevens: And they are liking it! What I would like to hear—

Mr. Deans: In about half an hour, in Manitoba!

Mrs. Mitchell: Manitoba, tonight!

Mr. Stevens: What I would like to hear them expand on is whether they also like what they see in Poland?

Mr. Deans: No.

Mr. Stevens: Oh, they do not like that type of socialism in Poland. I see.

An hon. Member: That's communism.

Mr. Stevens: Perhaps it is what Cuba lives with that they like or perhaps their model is England.

Mr. Deans: Do you mean under Maggie Thatcher?

Mr. Stevens: In any event, let me assure Your Honour that the budget now before the House is bringing massive government intervention into your life, into my life—

Mrs. Mitchell: Oh, we wish it were.

Mr. Stevens: —and into the life of every Canadian citizen.

Mr. Deans: That is why you voted for the amendment.

Mr. Stevens: I would suggest to Your Honour that, in so doing, it is not a question of restraint because if one takes a look, one will find that the actual increase in government spending on a national accounts basis is 22 per cent. One will find that personal taxation is jumping up 31 per cent. One will also find that indirect taxation is up over 50 per cent.

Mr. Darling: Another point there, too.

Mr. Stevens: How can a minister of finance pretend that figures such as those to which I have referred, expenditures up 22 per cent, revenue sources jumping 30 per cent, indirect sources jumping over 50 per cent, are somehow equitable and