

Mr. Flis: Mr. Speaker, instead of shouting, perhaps we could listen to reason.

We have had many important topics debated in this House until midnight and until one or two in the morning. I am thinking of the debate on China. I am thinking of the abortion debate, et cetera. Here is an opportunity for us to debate this matter at length. The reason the Liberal Party wants to debate this matter is to convince the government to kill this bill completely, to kill the GST, but we have to do it with full debate.

We cannot understand the reasoning of members of the NDP who on the one hand want more time to debate and on the other hand when it is given to them they do not want it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There has been no consent. The hon. member for Yorkton—Melville has the floor on debate.

He has 14 minutes, plus 10 minutes of questions and comments.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is very simple. We want to kill the bill. We want to axe the tax.

I am surprised the Liberal Party wants to co-operate now with the government across the way by putting up more and more speakers, by wasting more and more of their speakers. Why don't they practise good tactics and hold some of your people in the background for a while and force the government to withdraw the bill?

I suspect what they are doing now is looking at the polls, seeing them at 48 per cent, and dreaming and assuming they are going to win the next election. They want this matter through as fast as possible so that once they are the government of this country they will have a GST.

There is not a single Liberal in the House who will get up and deny the fact that they would like to see this bill through. Once it is through and they form the government, they will keep the GST. Is there a single Liberal candidate running for leadership of that party who has said: "If I become Prime Minister of this country, I am going to get rid of the GST"? No, not a single Liberal candidate. That is not an issue in the campaign.

We all know they want the Conservative Party to get the tax through the House of Commons, take the flak

and lose the election. All of a sudden they will be the government of this country, they will keep the tax and they will increase it from 7 per cent to 8 per cent to 9 per cent to 12 per cent. That is exactly what the Liberals will do.

The member from Newfoundland across the way is nodding his head. I can hear him from hear. He agrees. That is exactly what the plan of the Liberals is; that is why they want to co-operate with the government. I am making it very clear that we want to kill the tax. We want to stop the tax. We will do whatever we can to make sure it does not go through the House.

We already see all kinds of signs of Liberal governments co-operating with the federal government. Mr. Nixon, the Treasurer in Ontario, has now that said he will collect the federal sales tax in the province of Ontario. That is a Liberal Treasurer, a Liberal Minister of Finance. That is co-operation in the biggest province in this country. We see all of a sudden how the Liberal benches have fallen very quiet.

[*Translation*]

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the Premier of Quebec, Robert Bourassa, said practically the same thing two or three days ago about collecting taxes, including the GST, in the province of Quebec. We are seeing co-operation between the Liberal Party and the Progressive Conservative Party, and that is why we had this co-operation in the House of Commons this afternoon.

An hon. member: Liberal or Conservative, what's the difference?

[*English*]

Mr. Nystrom: In the House today we had a few questions about this fancy brochure, the propaganda brochure which has been circulated to over a million small business people by the government across the way. It spent \$1.3 million circulating this advertising and propaganda.

That is not the only brochure that the government has circulated. I would like to know how much money the government has spent on propaganda and brochures on the GST in the last few months. I have here a little brochure entitled *Questions and Answers about the GST*. How many of these were circulated? Who did they go to? How much did this cost the Canadian taxpayer?