

Increased Cost of Living

authors of the report of the Economic Council, and other economists, have agreed that a slight increase is acceptable. They do not agree however that the cost of living should double in such a short period of time. This government has allowed the inflation situation to run away from it and get out of hand. They cannot control it now because they are acting too late. The Minister of Finance has suggested he is going to propose certain things at the time he presents his budget, but the government should have acted long ago when the situation first became obvious.

I note that my time is becoming limited, so I shall conclude my remarks as quickly as possible. Several members on the other side of this house, including the Minister of Finance, the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Benson) and the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Matheson), have asked for suggestions as to the kind of action which should be taken. In reply I should like to repeat what the right hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) has said. We should hold a conference of provincial leaders and the federal government to establish priorities. That is desperately required at this time.

An editorial which appeared in the *Ottawa Journal* this evening prompts me to ask the government what it has done about the Glassco report. The report of that commission suggests many ways in which the government could save money and thereby reduce its budget. I suggest it could reduce the budget it intends to bring down next Tuesday night by adopting certain of the recommendations of that commission, but it has not done so.

The Minister of National Revenue has given us many excuses for failure on the part of the government to adopt certain of the recommendations contained in the Glassco report, but I suggest that the government's inaction is nothing less than dilatory. This commission was instituted by the previous government. Its report was received a couple of years ago, yet nothing has been done by the present government to institute some of its recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, I see you are on your feet and before I sit down I should like to say that there are a number of other suggestions I wanted to make, but which I will defer until a later date.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It being 8.15 p.m. it is my duty, pursuant to section 4(d) of [Mr. Monteith.]

standing order 56 to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith the question on any amendment now before the house.

The house divided on the amendment to the amendment (Mr. Douglas) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS**Messrs:**

Barnett	MacInnis (Mrs.)
Brewin	(Vancouver-Kingsway)
Cameron (Nanaimo-	Macquarrie
Cowichan-The Islands)	Martin (Timmins)
Douglas	Mather
Fawcett	Orlikow
Gilbert	Prittie
Herridge	Saltsman
Howe (Hamilton South)	Schreyer
Knowles	Scott (Danforth)
Lewis	Winch—20.

NAYS**Messrs:**

Aiken	Dinsdale
Alkenbrack	Dionne
Allard	Drury
Allmand	Dubé
Andras	Duquet
Asselin (Charlevoix)	Émard
Asselin	Enns
(Richmond-Wolfe)	Éthier
Badanal	Fairweather
Baldwin	Fane
Basford	Faulkner
Batten	Favreau
Béchar	Flemming
Beer	Forbes
Bell (Carleton)	Forest
Bell (Saint-John-Albert)	Forrestall
Benson	Fulton
Berger	Gauthier
Bigg	Godin
Blouin	Gordon
Boulanger	Goyer
Bower	Graffey
Brand	Granger
Brown	Gray
Byrne	Greene
Cadieu (Meadow Lake)	Grégoire
Cameron (High Park)	Grills
Cantelon	Groos
Cantin	Guay
Caron	Haldasz
Carter	Hales
Cashin	Harkness
Chatterton	Harley
Choquette	Hees
Churchill	Hellyer
Clermont	Hopkins
Coates	Horne (The Battlefords)
Côté	Howard
Comtois	Howe (Wellington-Huron)
Côté (Dorchester)	Hymmen
Côté (Longueuil)	Irvine
Cowan	Isabelle
Crossman	Johnston
Crouse	Jorgensen
Danforth	Kennedy
Davis	Kindt
Deachman	Klein
Diefenbaker	Korchinski