

inventories that do not have audit trails through them, that we really only have audit trails that work around their periphery.

I was also surprised to find that 13.5 per cent of superannuation cheques issued by the government are in error. The reason they are in error is that we have had 12 amendments to the act, and some 90 amendments to the regulations. In spite of this, millions of dollars were spent on consulting services and design services for software to try to correct the problem that exists within our administrative structure, but all to no avail. All the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men cannot put this part of our government together again, and we will have to bring down legislation which co-ordinates and simplifies the administration. What is happening in the government is happening in the private sector, and the private sector is the productive sector that really carries the burden and makes all of this possible.

This budget is just another chapter in the election to election policies of the government, and at what price political success? When we moved away from a standard for our medium of exchange, I first learned the term "fiat money system". I was taught that a fiat money economy would be only as good as the integrity of the politicians managing it. I was taught that when political expediency over-ruled truth and integrity in a fiat money system, inflation and collapse were part of the future.

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The fact that the government sits and waits for the politically viable moment to implement measures of control rather than using constructively the vast media and educational resources at its disposal to create the climate necessary for economic discipline is to me abandonment of political responsibility. There is very little leadership in this budget. In fact it is really a monkey wrench budget. We are tightening nuts on bolts from which the threads have been stripped during ten years of budgetary bumps and grinds.

In the mid 1960's when the U.S. was inflating its economy with the Viet Nam war and its war on poverty at home, the Liberal government in Canada went for its tenth consecutive deficit budget. Then along came the St. Lawrence Seaway wage settlement, something we are still paying for, and this started the demand and grab, and hold for ransom attitude which is reaching a crescendo in Canada.

In 1971 our wages and salaries peaked to 73 per cent of net national income, and the last ten year average was 68 per cent. It is now coming off that peak and down to more reasonable levels, but the government cannot tell me that the wage increases other than from honest toil and productive effort are not inflationary when this percentage of our net national income is affected by this part of Canadian life.

On top of all this we had the Benson budget which removed the right of people who have saved in this country to an income mix, and this created overnight rental accommodation shortage which the Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Danson) is trying to resolve, and cannot. In the Benson budget there was also further legislation which was oppressive to the growth of home grown

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Canadian capital. It is a fact of life in this world and in the industrialized nations that capital can be created much less expensively in other countries than it can in Canada, and thus we have this continuous dependency on other countries for borrowings to take care of the capital needs we will have through to the turn of the century.

It is almost unbelievable in light of this history that we now have this 10 cents conservation policy. Some 16 per cent of our energy is used in cars. The minister does not tell us what percentage is used in business and in commerce in this country, and what percentage is used for pleasure. He really does not know what percentage of this tax which is to be collected is to remain in the treasury and what part will be returned and at what cost to this country in the form of another unproductive administrative burden. Certainly there is a need for conservation in this country, but not with this kind of tax.

Here we are in Canada with resources which are the envy of the world. We desperately need new proven resources to bring our use back into line, and the new scales of capital for the development of these resources are well known to us all. We also need capital for the updating of our transportation system, upon which we have now had a report which we are studying. We need a stimulus for housing and the modernization of our productive industries, yet we find the federal government trying to make another end run around the provinces with its 10 cent excise tax on gasoline under the guise that it is for the purposes of conservation. What deception!

The government says this tax is to conserve non renewable energy. The government thinks only of cars driven for personal use, and of boats driven for personal use and pleasure. The government taxes a select user instead of facing the issue of conservation honestly. Until energy for all uses is at world market prices, there will be no stimulus for conservation. We have to go to world market prices in order to justify the capital expense needed for true conservation measures in this country. Why use this 10 cents measure and run around the provinces as an excuse for conservation? That is more Liberal deception. Altruistic attitudes to conserve on renewable resources will not work. An economic club will be the only incentive factor for meaningful conservation non renewable resources in this country, and the piecemeal legislation we have had in this direction from the last two budgets of the minister is really disgusting.

I repeat, what about the fuel used to heat swimming pools in this country? Is that not a use of a non renewable energy resource which should be taxed, if the pleasure driving of automobiles should be taxed? What about diesel cars and diesel engines in boats? What about fuel wasted to heat poorly insulated buildings? The only answer we received is that the government proposes to remove that tax on insulation material. What a gimmick!

The return procedure of this tax, as my leader has said, will just create another administrative nightmare. I will add to that by saying that it is another creation of another unproductive sector, and it adds to the cost of the government. This is only further exploitation of those engaged in the productive work sectors of this economy, and all we have, all we use, and the standard of living in this country all of us benefit from, come from those engaged in mean-