

Adjournment Motion

There is no denying that this was a secret document, the Government has already acknowledged that.

An Hon. Member: Who denied it?

Mr. Boudria: This document claims that the Government will by this measure reduce the revenues in the year 1986-87 by \$600 million by removing capital gains tax; by removing that it will lose \$600 million. It will lose \$920 million by the elimination of the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax. Those are the moneys that it will lose in the year 1986-87, the year we are starting very soon, they year that we are almost in for tax purposes.

In terms of expenditures, what will it use that money for? Well, let us look at some of the Government uses of those moneys. Is it going to spend more on agriculture? No, it is going to spend \$50 million less according to the same document. Well, who will it go to? It is not going to the farmers. Will it go to other areas such as improving transport? No, it will reduce \$50 million there as well. Where are the increases? Let us look very carefully at this document and we will find the increases in spending of this Tory Government, this Government that you and I are starting to get so fed up with, and that Canadian people by the millions are now rejecting. This Government is squandering that money. It is reducing revenues by eliminating taxes to the rich and is not giving that money to those who need it. That's the story of the Conservative Party, that is why it has lost the confidence of the people of Canada. That is why a greater number of Canadians would now favour someone other than the Tories to be running the affairs of the nation.

As a matter of fact, the majority of Canadians would now prefer that the Liberals were in charge. That fall of power, Mr. Speaker, that fall of favour by the Tories is going to continue because this Government has lost touch—it never had it in my view—with the aspirations of the people. Now, of course, that places the Liberal Party not as the Official Opposition, but the official government in waiting of Her Majesty.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The Hon. Member for Don Valley East (Mr. Attewell)—Social Affairs—Abuse of the elderly; the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie)—Environmental Affairs—(a) Canada-United States discussions (b) Canadian position;

the Hon. Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster)—Farm Credit Corporation—Moratorium on foreclosures.

● (1640)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

INCOME TAX ACT AND RELATED ACTS

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-84, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act and Related Statutes and to amend the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, the Financial Administration Act and Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax, as reported, (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs; and Motion No. 4 (Mr. Johnston) (p. 9733).

Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, I also welcome this opportunity to take part in the debate on Bill C-84. I was interested a while ago in what the Hon. Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve (Mr. Desrosiers) had to say, namely that the ultimate purpose of Bill C-84 was to provide for a fair and balanced tax system. I find it incredible to hear such words being used about a measure that has such a direct and brutal impact on those Canadians who unfortunately are not in a position to cope with life's financial problems. This is nothing new, Mr. Speaker, because in the nearly eighteen months we have been here, to my knowledge the vast majority if not all of the Government's proposals have always been aimed at getting money, which in the circumstances is a praiseworthy and valid endeavour as such.

The deficit being what it is, I believe we have a collective responsibility to consider ways of identifying solutions that will help improve the economic situation. Everybody is aware of this, on your side as well as ours, but, and that is where the official Opposition comes into play, the Government's way of achieving these objectives certainly does not meet the criteria for what could be considered acceptable in the present situation. The fact is that almost every single Government initiative is aimed at taking money from people who do not have the resources to cope with these increases.

On the weekend and at the beginning of this week, it was announced that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, in an act of altruism, had refused a salary increase. So far, so good. As far as the symbolism of the thing goes, it is all very admirable, except that the news item, Mr. Speaker, mentioned the salary the Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet would be getting. The head of the family who is watching this on TV and who has two or three or four dependent children and earns