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sector in Canada were to say that they are serious enough about this debt situation”.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Miss Grey: These people may laugh, but I belong to a teaching union. Unfortunately here we are having a problem, but I believe that every sector if they were hit could write on note paper: “We are willing to take a cut right across the board so that there would be equality of sacrifice in every sector of Canadian society”. Those are some specifics. I know that the agricultural community needs to deal with this.

We are looking forward in the long term. Farmers are not keen about subsidies. They do not want government handouts. What we do want to make sure is that we are able to see equality of sacrifice in every sector in society. It is unfortunate that I hear the hoopla from the agriculture minister. It sends a very sad signal to every community across the country that really cannot afford to be laughed at any longer.

We are running \$30 billion deficits every year. Even teachers are not pleased with that. They understand how important it is to get this debt situation under control. They are teaching the young people who are going to be burdened with such an incredible debt load as we move toward the next century. I do not think anybody would have that.

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, I listened to that exchange with some interest. Of course, here in Ottawa the secondary school teachers are about to strike, looking for 11 per cent over the next two years. Perhaps the trustees ought to contact some teachers in Alberta and ask them to come down.

I am distressed because the Reform Party does present itself as a different kind of political movement. I listened to a very clear question on what the Reform Party intends to cut and I heard a very long answer containing nothing. There was no explanation of where these cuts are going to fall. Of course, that is the easiest way of avoiding a question known to humankind.

I would be very interested in hearing whether the member for Beaver River would answer two very simple, very clear questions. What government spending specifically does the Reform Party intend to cut and, second,

what does the Reform Party say about the supply management systems in Canada, in particular the marketing board system that exists in dairy and poultry in this country? Are they for it or would they dismantle it, yes or no?

Miss Grey: Madam Speaker, I am always interested. I have a great deal of respect for my colleague from Ottawa South and in his critic's position he will be interested as they are riding rather highly in the polls right now. What is going to happen if he were for instance to become the next Minister of Finance? He would stand up in his place right now and say: “I can't tell you specifics until I look at the books”. That is most interesting. That is exactly what has happened as they have been sitting in opposition for so many years now. He gets very tired listening to the government carry on about “you Liberals left us with this incredible debt”, and so on and on it goes.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Miss Grey: Madam Speaker, we are hearing great shrieks across the way again. I have already said that I think that supply management is an area that is domestic agricultural policy and we are looking at international disputes right now. I believe that many people in the supply management industry would say in all honesty right now that we do not want unfair subsidies. We are looking for very comfortable methods of making a living. People who are continuing to fight against this whole idea of supply management are seeing people at a level who are saying: “We are really looking after you”. People in the supply managed industries are saying: “We want a fair shake and we do not want unfair government subsidies”. Therefore, I think it would be very interesting.

As I spoke with people who came here for the great rally a couple of weeks ago, they gave very good representations. I think when we look at all agricultural industries, moving down the road, not next Thursday afternoon but down the road, to eliminating and working out subsidies so that we would be on a more fairer playing field with other countries, that is what is important.

I also have to say that a Liberal colleague was dying to get his speech in here tonight and asked me if I would take a shorter amount of time. I certainly was prepared