

Borrowing Authority Act

Mr. Simmons: Mr. Speaker, I told you that fellow was an armchair socialist. Now he feels constrained to defend the Tories.

I would say to the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) that he should be careful of the kind of help he is getting from the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae), very careful indeed. Is it that the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood cannot listen for a moment? He might learn something. I am not sure he would, but perhaps he would.

Mr. Knowles: Give us something to listen to.

Mr. Simmons: I would say that the member for Broadview-Greenwood makes a lot more sense now when he is sitting down than he did when he was standing up.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Simmons: I want for a moment to refer to something the hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko) mentioned when he spoke on this bill a day or so ago. He said then:

Rather interestingly, in this new Parliament what has now been given to us in the economic statement is an indication that the federal level of spending in relation to the gross national product will grow by 2 per cent—

He is playing loose with the facts, Mr. Speaker. I want to say to the House that that is not true at all. It will not be of the order of 2 per cent, and I want to get that into the record.

An hon. Member: What will it be Roger?

Mr. Simmons: It will remain in the range that it had been in 1975, not the increase about which the hon. member for Edmonton East spoke.

An hon. Member: Which is what?

Mr. Simmons: Now I want to come to the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens), the former president of the Treasury Board, who spoke about the consumer price index figure. In his speech in the House a day or so ago he alleged, or stated as though it were a fact, that a noted international publication had ranked Canada as sixth among the industrialized nations in terms of the consumer price index figure, the increase in those figures. Once again, he misleads the House. If he will read a very respected British periodical, *The Economist*—a good Tory periodical from which the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood quotes, badly, but he quotes from it—he would see that the facts are not at all as the hon. member for York-Peel says. We do not rank sixth, we rank fourth, very closely behind West Germany, Holland and Japan. We are ranked a long way ahead of such countries as France, way ahead of Italy, Sweden, the United States and the United Kingdom.

An hon. Member: Where are we on unemployment?

Mr. Simmons: This member who should know better, the former president of the Treasury Board in the Tory regime, if

he is going to read all kinds of statistics in the House, the very least you can ask of him is that—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 9.45 p.m., pursuant to the order passed on Monday June 9, 1980, it is my duty to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the motion before the House.

[*English*]

Mr. Taylor: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is no point of order at this time. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it. *And more than five members having risen:*

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion of Mr. MacEachen, which was agreed to on the following division:

● (2200)

(Division No. 8)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allmand	Collenette	Duquet
Appolloni	Comtois	Ethier
(Mrs.)	Corbin	Evans
Bachand	Corriveau	Ferguson
Baker	Cosgrove	Fisher
(Gander-Twillingate)	Cousineau	Fleming
Beauchamp-Niquet	Cullen	Foster
(Mrs.)	Daudlin	Francis
Bégin (Miss)	Dawson	Frith
Berger	De Bané	Gauthier
Blais	de Corneille	Gendron
Blaker	Demers	Gimail
Bloomfield	Deniger	Gingras
Bockstael	Desmarais	Gourd
Bossy	Dingwall	Gray
Bujold	Dion	Guay
Bussièeres	Dionne	Guilbault
Caccia	(Chicoutimi)	Harquail
Campbell	Dionne	Henderson
(Miss)	(Northumberland- Miramichi)	Herbert
(South West Nova)	Dubois	Hervieux-Payette
Campbell	Duclos	(Mrs.)
(LaSalle)	Dupont	Hopkins
Chénier	Dupras	Isabelle
Chrétien		Johnston