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that they cannot have this assistance because the Conservative Government of Canada and the Minister responsible say they are not a priority. The Government's priorities lie with the banks and the big multinational drug companies.

I know that you are a man of reason, Mr. Speaker, one who would want to place the taxpayer's money in the hands of those who need it most. Why does the Government refuse to acknowledge your wisdom? Why does it refuse to provide the necessary funds to Canadians with fixed pensions or low income and need some form of financial assistance, whether they be in the town of Dominion or Glace Bay?

I hope that municipal leaders will speak out. In 1987, RRAP funds amounted to \$401,000. There was a reduction of \$146,000 in 1988, down to \$255,000. That is absolutely criminal. I am confident that the municipal authorities in that area will speak out loudly and clearly to impress upon the Government the many problems they are experiencing with their program.

My colleague raises a fundamental question. What about those other programs that were successful, such as the Canada Home Insulation Program and the Canada Oil Substitution Program? There are no programs. There is a program for those who have all sorts of money. The Municipality and County of Halifax has been cut adrift by the sleepy Conservative Members of Parliament who have said absolutely nothing with regard to this program.

I can understand why the Minister is not here. He does not want to hear the truth. He does not want to hear the realities that are taking place in Nova Scotia. That is why he is not here and participating in this debate.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Would the Member skip the reference to the Minister.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, I think it is very relevant and germane to our debate. But in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, it ought to be remembered by one and all that the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program was a very effective program for low income earners in Canada and those on fixed pensions. It was a very successful program. The Conservative Government and the Minister responsible have purposely, intentionally and deliberately told those Canadians that they are not a priority and have slashed funds substantially, as we saw in Cape Breton.

I hope all Members will support my colleague who introduced this motion in condemning the Government for its very regressive and insensitive programs relating to the housing stock in this country. I can only say to those Members who support these drastic cut-backs to the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program that they will be remembered in the next federal election by those Canadians who are being denied that opportunity.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 5.45 p.m., it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and to put forthwith every question

necessary to dispose of the supply proceedings now before the House under the provisions of Standing Order 82(9).

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 to the motion will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mrs. Killens), which was negated on the following division:

● (1750)

(Division No. 362)

YEAS

Members

Althouse	Harris	Orlikow
Axworthy	Heap	Ouellet
Benjamin	Henderson	Parry
de Corneille	Hopkins	Penner
de Jong	Hovdebo	Prud'homme
Dingwall	Isabelle	Riis
Epp	Jewett	Robichaud
(Thunder Bay—	Kaplan	Rossi
Nipigon)	Killens	Skelly
Finestone	Lapierre	Waddell
Foster	MacLellan	Young—40
Gagliano	Malépart	
Gauthier	Manly	
Grondin	McCurdy	
Guilbault	Murphy	
(Saint-Jacques)	Nystrom	

NAYS

Members

Andre	Cardiff	Daubney
Attewell	Champagne	Della Noce
Belsher	(Champlain)	Desjardins
Bernier	Clark	Domme
Bertrand	(Brandon—Souris)	Dorin
Binns	Clifford	Duguay
Blackburn	Comeau	Edwards
(Jonquière)	Cook	Ellis
Blais	Cooper	Fennell
Blouin	Crofton	Forrestall
Bourgault	Crosbie	Fraleigh
Bradley	(St. John's West)	Fretz
Browes	Crosby	Friesen
Caldwell	(Halifax West)	Gagnon