

Financial Administration Act

Then we have \$14,345 for psychological research on the effect of foreknowledge on human reaction. What on earth does that mean? We then come to \$9,502 to continue research on the psychology of individual behaviour in the face of unavoidable events. Every day we face unbelievable events in this House with this government, which is an absolute disaster. Next we have \$8,000 for research on African psychological studies and their implications for traditional psychological theory. It is unbelievable!

I have three stars beside the next one, which is \$43,000 to continue research in Vancouver and Winnipeg on how individuals are influenced to take an active role in politics. I can speak for Manitoba. They are taking an active role in that province. My fund raiser is a former Liberal. The people who operate my constituency office, a couple who have donated their services, are former Liberals. I have had former Liberals come to my office in Ottawa and say "Dan, we have had enough. We have seen the light and are joining the Conservative party." They say they will support us and do everything they can to get rid of this outfit across the way.

Mr. Cullen: Hallelujah, Brother Dan!

Mr. McKenzie: There will be a hallelujah for the hon. member from Sarnia. Maybe he will join us. The next one is \$10,501 to prepare a critical edition of the complete works of the Mexican political pamphleteer, Pablo de Villavicencio, 1792-1832. I am sure the Canadian taxpayers will be sitting on the edge of their chairs with bated breath waiting for that report on what happened in 1792. The Liberals squander and throw around tax dollars and then sit back and laugh.

Here is a dandy, \$19,900 to study population and social mobility in Huntingdonshire, England, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. That is a top priority. Next, \$13,240 to study reactions of infants to strangers and familiar adults. Oh, boy! Next, \$3,600 to explore the motivational aspects of Western tragedy. We should be talking about the Canadian tragedy. Fifteen years of Canadian government is the biggest tragedy which ever happened to us. My God, at a time when 70 per cent of our people are never going to get into a home of their own we are squandering the taxpayers' money. I see that even the Speaker is getting a chuckle out of this, and he is a Liberal. I do not envy the Comptroller General. He will probably be taken away in a strait-jacket within a month after trying to deal with this group.

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When he made his original growth forecast the Minister of Finance said he expected exports and consumer spending to lead the way to economic recovery. He forgot to say that this country is assisting the United States to recover through a serious outflow of capital and business to that country. People are bailing out because of the political climate created by this government. None of these make-work programs or appointments such as that of a comptroller general are going to keep them here.

[Mr. McKenzie.]

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, Bill C-10 takes up only one paragraph of writing, yet underlying that paragraph are a multitude of concerns, some of which have been expressed by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and others more recently by the entertaining member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie).

I am not at all surprised that my hon. friend succeeded in entertaining the House with some of the excerpts from the book he brought with him, "The Legacy of Spending", prepared by an incensed Canadian, a radio station commentator in Vancouver, a man who in all likelihood will seek the Conservative nomination in one of the lower mainland ridings, a man who daily discloses to Canadians in the lower mainland of British Columbia the kind of insensitivity, the kind of sheer thoughtlessness and idiocy which has been encouraged and allowed to continue by the present government. It makes no difference where you look, in what framework, department or Crown corporation, it is all there in this one book "The Legacy of Spending", a book which is enjoying massive sales across Canada, a book which is making a national impact, a book which will haunt the Liberal party. And so it should.

The time is long passed for the appointment of a Comptroller General. I echo the comment of my hon. friend: the man may be in a strait-jacket within a month when he is confronted with the irresponsible spending of some of these departments and Crown corporations. It is frustrating for a backbencher, and I have in mind particularly those who serve on the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to admit that for the past several weeks the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Milne) has been periodically absent, that the minister himself has been almost consistently absent, and that the chairman of the standing committee has been absent for a protracted period. How is it possible for any member, myself included, even to ask the minister when he intends to summon up his courage and have his estimates brought before the committee?

I have made allegations in this House and also, without fear, outside this chamber with reference to the chaos in the auditing and in the management of that one ministry. Yet there has been no opportunity given us to examine and pursue these matters because the minister declines to bring his estimates before the standing committee.

Similar frustrations have been experienced by members serving on the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration. So in the final analysis, unless the ministers, the parliamentary secretaries and the chairmen of standing committees are prepared to demonstrate a measure of responsibility to parliament and to Canadians, our efforts, despite the appointment of a Comptroller General, go in vain.

Hopefully, outside this chamber there are Canadians who are prepared to demonstrate a measure of concern and who will express their concern at the polls. Nobody seems to care that the Department of Indian Affairs in one province alone is \$12 million over its budget for a single fiscal year, 1976-77. How could one province be allowed to exceed its budget for