

The New Democratic Party believes that planning must be public rather than corporate, and must be subject to the control of the people through their elected representatives. We must establish priorities that will make more effective use of our nation's resources, so as to create a viable industrial economy, increase our wealth production and provide employment opportunities for our people. We must not only share the benefits of increased production with all sectors of our population; we must also insist that the tax burden of this country be imposed on a more equitable basis. Under the guise of promoting economic growth, the government—particularly its members on the Finance Committee—are seeking to ease the burden on the corporate sector at the expense of the salary and wage earners of Canada.

If this country is ever to enjoy economic independence, then the decision-making power in our economy must be restored to the Canadian people and exercised by their government. Up until now the government has been content to allow the major decisions affecting the lives of all Canadians to be made in the boardrooms of foreign corporations. The time has come when that decision-making power must be transferred back to Canada, for if it is not we face the loss of Canadian sovereignty. At the accelerated rate of American takeovers we have only a few years left. The challenge which faces this government is to act boldly and to act now.

An hon. Member: Sounds like the Wafflers.

Mr. Gillespie: Is this the Waffle group?

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I interpolate to say that the subject I have been discussing should be of great interest to the two members who have just regrettably interrupted me. I shall be glad to listen to their views, and I hope they will be as courageous in the House as they have been outside the House.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis):

That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words: "and we regret, in particular, the government's failure (1) to deal effectively with the threat to Canadian independence created by the growing foreign ownership of our economy; (2) to provide policies to reduce the high rate of unemployment, which is now expected to reach disastrous levels this winter; and (3) to introduce a guaranteed income below which no Canadian family will be allowed to fall, so as to eradicate the poverty which now afflicts at least five million Canadians."

● (3:30 p.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, we have to deal with four different items: the Speech from the Throne, the Address in Reply, the amendment proposed by the Conservatives and the one moved by the New Democratic Party.

Before discussing the proposed amendments, I first wish to congratulate warmly the mover and the seconder of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

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(Mr. Trudel and Mr. A. B. Douglas) as they have made superhuman efforts to camouflage the commonplaces and platitudes contained in the Speech from the Throne and to give a high lustre to the intentions expressed by the Liberal government in the speech which was read yesterday by His Excellency the Governor General.

As regards the authors of the Speech from the Throne, the government advisers, they deserve little recognition as they only arouse feelings of wretchedness and disappointment.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said a moment ago that our standard of living was among the highest in the world, then, in a subsequent sentence, he deplored the great difficulties facing several sectors of the Canadian economy.

True, the authors of the Throne Speech have succeeded in reaching pathetic heights by using the same old phrases, already heard hundreds of times, the better to put the people to sleep.

When, for example, we find in the Throne Speech, words such as the following, and I quote:

—Canada continues to enjoy social stability to an exceptional degree—

We truly wonder whether government advisers have eyes to see with and ears to hear with.

It is truly pitiful to hear the government say that Canada enjoys social stability to an exceptional degree when, at the present time, all the country's police forces are searching for those who kidnapped a British commercial attaché and whose ambition is neither more nor less than to overthrow, through murder, assassination, force and blackmail, all forms of established power in short to have the revolutionary forces prevail and destroy values cherished by all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker, we had only to hear the famous FLQ manifesto, broadcasted last night by the CBC and which was reproduced in full in today's *Montréal-Matin* to become aware that in the Canadian metropolis, where complete social stability exists, there are heartless people and cowards who are ready to kill in order to serve their revolutionary purposes.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think that Canada is enjoying social stability to an exceptional degree when we are seeing at home what has happened in Algeria, South America and in some other countries over the past 25, 30 or 50 years if we refer to Russia as a basic example. When we witness these people proclaim in their manifesto the freedom to take freedom away from others—this is their entire and complete program—or blame industry and those who show initiative—we might ask those young, or not so young, people what prevents them from establishing industries in their country, Canada, if they really love it. I have no pity at all for those who resort to blackmail and harm people who never did them any wrong.

Mr. Speaker, the only argument that the government advisers can put forward to suggest that Canada enjoys an exceptional social stability, is that they probably had in mind the social stability which allows big finance to crush the Canadian economy and to deprive most Canadians citizens of a higher standard of living that