

Government Orders

It is rather interesting to look at *The Toronto Star* of March 29, 1990. The results of a Gallup poll with respect to the budget showed that 70 per cent of Canadians say that the budget will not help, while 63 per cent of Canadians say that the budget will hurt Canadians.

This is a government that obviously condones the massive increases in salary given to the Governor of the Bank of Canada. We have heard the defence given by the Prime Minister. How would you feel if you were a single parent out there? How would you feel if you were among the 3.5 million to five million poor Canadians if you saw those kinds of increases given to someone who is already well paid?

On the campaign trail we know that the Conservatives are really Liberals. Canadians know what they are really like, and they are not going to forget. I say to all Canadians, let us look at their actions and we can then determine their values and their priorities.

Finally, I say this not to offend, but to point out that there are dramatic, distinct differences between political parties. One of the ways of trying to determine that is by looking not at what they say, primarily, but at what they do.

Mr. Corbeil: That is what we want to be judged on.

Mr. Duhamel: I want to remind all Canadians that there are some members opposite who obviously are slighted by what I have said. I do not blame them. I would be embarrassed to be part of a government that undertakes the kinds of reductions that I have just identified in health, education, veterans programs, women's programs and native programs.

How could you possibly sit there and chuckle and snort and heckle? I would hold my head down. I would go home after dark on weekends because I think it would be much more appropriate than to do so during the daytime.

[Translation]

As I just said, Madam Speaker, I have no intention to slight my colleagues on the government side. I simply want to try to point out that there are differences, big differences between political parties, and the way to appreciate that is to examine what they do. So they went ahead and slashed various programs for women and

native people, programs on multiculturalism, health and education, programs for seniors and families, programs on unemployment insurance when they promised they would not touch them, programs on retraining, research and development and what all else, and this is indeed a good indication of what motivates them, what drives them, what makes them react.

I find it interesting for example to see some of my colleagues who continue to laugh—

Mr. Corbeil: That is what you did for 20 years.

Mr. Duhamel: —who continue to laugh at what I am saying. That is because they lack the courage to rise and ask questions—

Mr. Hudon: Just you wait!

Mr. Duhamel: —and to argue and prove that what I am saying is wrong. Indeed I am looking forward to entertaining their questions.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my views with the House.

• (1650)

Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): I have a question for my colleague. A moment ago he said something that gave me a start. I want to remind him that during the previous session the government had introduced a day care bill which was duly passed by the House. When I pointed out that the legislation had been stalled by the Senate not long after, he replied: You always have to blame somebody else. That is what did happen. The program did not necessarily have the wholehearted support of the Liberal Party, but the bill did make it through the House and was rejected by the other place. And that is not the only example.

A few minutes ago my colleague said something about training programs—

[English]

Mr. Speller: It wasn't turned down by the Senate.

[Translation]

Mr. Hudon: You breaking wind, or what? What is going on?

Mr. Duhamel: The question! Ask your question, I can hardly wait to answer!