

Unfortunately, the hon. member has done two things wrong in her motion. First, I think she has picked the wrong government and second, I think she has picked the wrong target, namely the 1992 budget.

I would like to speak for a couple of minutes about some of the elements of the budget, some of the things that it was trying to accomplish and some of the ways that the budget is trying to address some of the concerns that prompted the hon. member in all her sincerity and good intentions to put forward a motion which unfortunately misses the mark.

To start with, it is important to remember that this budget cuts taxes, in fact \$1.2 billion will be the reduction in 1992. Cutting taxes helps reduce or remove partially some of the burden that is placed on Canadian families and that is going to have the net benefit of putting more money into household budgets and helping. A tax cut is better than a tax increase. We have had years of tax increases for many reasonable reasons.

Mr. Speaker wishes me to conclude? I just started, sir. Will I have an opportunity to complete my remarks later?

Mr. Speaker: I wish to say to the hon. member that I apologize for interrupting the hon. member. We have had a message from the Senate and we are obligated to deal with that. The hon. member will I hope be able to continue with his remarks afterward. Again I do apologize.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed the following bills: Bill C-65, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the administration of the Government of Canada for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992 and Bill C-66, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of Canada for the financial year ending 31st March 1993.

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Also, a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that it has passed, without amendment, Bill C-32, an act to amend the Canada Assistance Plan.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received which is as follows:

Rideau Hall,
Ottawa

March 31, 1992

Mr. Speaker:

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Beverley McLachlin, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in her capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 31st day of March, 1992 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Yours sincerely,

Judith A. LaRocque
Secretary to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

• (1720)

And being returned:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-64, an act to amend the Northwest Territories Act—Chapter No. 6.

Bill C-32, an act to amend the Canada Assistance Plan—Chapter No. 9.

Bill C-65, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending 31st March, 1992—Chapter No. 7.

Bill C-66, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending 31st March, 1993—Chapter No. 8.