

Government Orders

duce a motion to the effect that the Prime Minister, having lost the confidence of the House, should resign and immediately call an election.

[English]

The cry among political jackals of course is for an election. I see this motion as a tribute to the Prime Minister because these people behave sometimes as if they do not have much in there; they are not that stupid.

Mr. Gustafson: Don't give them too much credit.

Mr. Valcourt: We must give them credit because today, they have been out in the country terrorizing people, lying to people again like they did during the free trade debate, to which the hon. member for Kamloops referred. They did that on the GST. The people out there are frightened. They think, the *socialistes en cravates*, the NDPers, that this time, with this perceived misfortune of the Prime Minister, maybe they can bank on it and maybe the people will vote against him this time.

Today is the second anniversary of the election of this government. Those *socialistes en cravates*, the NDPers who are so fond of the taxpayer's money which we have to save, want to call an election. Do you know why? Because if we have it right now, the perceived unpopularity of the Prime Minister would maybe give them a chance.

I have news for them. They count on the ignorance of people. They exploit the ignorance of people. They go out and lie to the people. They do that day after day after day, and they never learn. There is something about Canadians that these people do not seem to realize. It is that there is a profound wisdom in Canada. Canadians have a profound wisdom. It is a wisdom that always seems—

Mr. Samson: Call an election. You will find out how smart they are.

[Translation]

Mr. Valcourt: Shut up and let me talk.

[English]

There is a profound wisdom, as I was saying, about Canadians. It seems they always settle down when the time comes to choose their leader. Canadians do that.

The NDPers have nothing better to do than to ask for an election and for the Prime Minister to resign. The Prime Minister will not resign, I am sure, because he is not a weakling socialist. He is a man with a vision for Canada. He is a man with courage, and he is a man who believes in Canadians. The Prime Minister believes in Canada. The Prime Minister believes in Canadian people, contrary to those people.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, those people have absolutely no confidence in Canadians.

Mr. Samson: That's your government they don't trust.

Mr. Valcourt: They are the same people who, during the election campaign of 1988 on free trade, were travelling around Canada trying to convince people that our poor senior citizens would lose their pensions because of free trade.

An hon. member: That's terrible!

Mr. Valcourt: They went all around Canada saying that and today, they use the same kind of strategy on the Goods and Services Tax, the GST.

[English]

Isn't that terrible? I think we made a mistake, and I will admit to it. We should have done it the Liberal and the NDP way. We should have gone out and told Canadians to listen. For Canadians to understand the GST, we should have first gone out and told the people that Allan MacEachen was wrong when he was the Minister of Finance. They would say: "What? Mr. MacEachen was wrong? It is impossible, Senator MacEachen being wrong." After all, this is the Minister of Finance who came into this House and said that Canada would have a deficit of \$11 billion. Some 12 months later that deficit was at \$23 billion. At that time Allan MacEachen was standing in the House and commenting on the manufacturers' sales tax. He said it was awful, that it was bad, that it was bad for Canadian industry. Mr. MacEachen said it. I did not. We would say to people that Allan was wrong. "The manufacturers' sales tax is great", say those *socialistes en cravate*, those socialists in neckties. Do you know what they are protecting? It is the manufacturers' sales tax. Canadians must know this. Do you know what they are defending? It is a tax regime that has and is killing many jobs in this country.