

certain areas. You will notice, of course, Mr. Speaker, that I said certain areas because I want to demonstrate to you that they did not exactly cut everywhere. I am reading from the CP wire service of this morning:

Roy McMurtry, the former Ontario Attorney General, appointed High Commissioner for Britain last month, will earn between \$89,270 and \$105,050 annually at his new job—

This, of course, is a retroactive pay increase given to this particular loser. A similar increase in salary is being given to another loser, Lawrence Hanigan. It must make the members of the Conservative Party who won in the last election almost wish they had lost. Just imagine the tremendous salary increase they would have received by losing had they been appointed like Mr. McMurtry, who failed in his bid for the leadership of the Ontario Conservative Party, and Mr. Hanigan, who was clobbered in the riding of Montreal-Laval-des-Rapides by our good colleague from the Liberal Party. I see the Hon. Member from Calgary here. I am sure she is almost wishing that she had lost as well so she could have received an increase in salary of \$35,000 or \$40,000. That is the reward that has been paid to some Conservative losers.

It is small wonder that we do not have the money to administer government programs when we squander funds on this type of pork-barrelling throughout the country. Since last September we have purchased \$173,000 worth of additional limousines. The used car lot beside the west door, Mr. Speaker, is becoming larger by the day. It is extending almost to the next building now. The place is just littered with these automobiles which are used to take Cabinet Ministers from the Centre Block to the West Block or wherever it is they are going. The Conservatives have also spent \$100,000 renovating offices. I see the Minister of State for Mines (Mr. Layton) is in the House. He is the one who spent the most money of any Minister in decorating his offices. He has paid well for that fancy wallpaper and whatever else they put in those offices with that kind of money given to outside contractors—bedrooms, blue carpet, blue wallpaper, and whatever else they have in those individual offices. If that isn't enough to make all of us depressed to see that kind of "blue" going in, I do not know what is.

The Government has also rented \$31,000 worth of cars for those Ministers who happen to run out of cars on particular days when their limousines are parked somewhere. That is the kind of government waste we have been seeing since last September. Then they stand up in this House and have the unmitigated gall to tell us that they have no money for a program which benefits the poor people of my riding and of yours, Mr. Speaker.

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I tell you, the Tories have no shame. Only you, with your unbiased opinion, looking at this from a truly objective standpoint, Mr. Speaker, would understand that it is absolutely incredible that the Conservatives would attempt to perpetrate this on the people of Canada. You know that the Hon. Member for Ottawa West, if they allowed him to speak in this House, if they took the muzzle off him for five minutes, would

want to say to the people of his riding who have benefited from this program or who are in the middle of contracts which obviously will not be terminated by March 31, that he would try to get their \$800 for them. But he cannot. They will not let him talk in this House, which is unfortunate because I am sure he would have a lot to say.

Mr. Daubney: I have a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I resent the allegation of the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria) that those of us on this side of the House are muzzled. We are anxious to take part in a reasonable debate—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member but I do not think that is a point of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Rossi: I do not think the Hon. Member has raised a valid point of order, Mr. Speaker. Hopefully, our colleague will be credited for that time at the end of his remarks.

[English]

Mr. Waddell: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. I just want to support the Hon. Member who got up. I ask him if he has taken part in this debate. If not, I invite him to get up after this speaker and take part in the debate. Put your mouth where your—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is not a point of order either.

Mr. Boudria: I just wanted to say that the Ontario Conservative Party is, of course, party to this whole business of profiteering in the oil business. As you know, they are very good in their investments in the stock market. A number of years ago the Premier of Ontario had a vision, a Conservative vision, mind you; he wanted to buy \$650 million worth of shares in the Sun Oil Company of Pennsylvania. That would, according to him, create jobs in Ontario. Well, it did. Malcolm Rowan, a Tory bagman that they hired to run it, got a job. One job was created with \$650 million. Since then the stock has dropped to about half the original price and the Ontario Conservative Party still lives today in shame over that horrible investment.

I just want to tell our New Democratic friends who were referring a while ago to the Ontario Government's purchase of Suncor that their then leader wanted to buy twice as many shares. So the NDP policy is: if it is a bad deal, you buy twice as much and that makes it better; at least, according to their economic and financial logic.

[Translation]

We in the Liberal Party want to see the Bill delayed as long as possible, in fact we do not want it to be adopted. Since the Government simply cannot understand that it should drop Bill C-24, altogether, I strongly suggest that at least it ought to be prepared to put it off for six months so that Canadian consumers can complete all heating system conversion projects now under way.