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In line with that, I would like to move the following amendment to the motion:

That the motion be amended by deleting the amount of \$164,985,000 and substituting \$162,514,000.

That amendment reflects the fact there were some commitments on behalf of this government to make some changes. That is the list my colleague was referring to earlier.

• (2045)

Mr. Larry McCormick (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member opposite for all the information, but I am not sure we really gained much.

He mentioned that we on this side of the House might like to re-establish our credibility. That was certainly re-established on the date of the election. I certainly notice in the polls from the west that we are doing very well in an area represented by a very regional party.

Our party has established confidence in the country. Confidence is something that we need. Certainly many of his constituents are very much more in favour of where we are headed today. There is a lot of confidence in the oil patch in the west. Prairie grain producers recognize what our ministers are doing and what we are doing around the world to protect the interests of our people. Things are certainly looking much better.

In Ontario small business is feeling better. Small business is starting to hire. The major employer in my riding is Goodyear Canada, the most modern tire plant in the world. It has just hired a few more people. It has gone over the 700 mark. It is investing in eastern Ontario and is shipping to auto manufacturers in Quebec, in western Ontario and right into Michigan. Its tires are being shipped all over North America. Why did Goodyear build a new modern plant in eastern Ontario? It is because it believes in the country.

The other day I was in the northern part of my riding. Georgia Pacific, one of the largest lumber companies in North America, has just invested several million dollars in a GP waferboard plant. Money is coming from the States and it is to hire 85 people next month. Certainly there is confidence there.

Our party is not like the party opposite. We do not want to cut the legs off the working people. We want everybody to be able to go to work.

You mentioned a \$26,000 debt per person. Let me ask you: How many people in North America—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Order, please. I have been seized by the member's enthusiasm, but I remind all colleagues to address their colleagues opposite through the Chair.

Mr. McCormick: I would like to ask a question of the hon. member opposite. How many people in the world today would like to pay \$26,000 or \$50,000 and be able to move into this country? The world has recognized that we are living in the world's greatest spot. Many people would like to move here tomorrow.

The member opposite mentioned infrastructure.

Mr. White (Fraser Valley West): Was that my question?

Mr. McCormick: The member will get his question. I want to let him know that infrastructure is an investment in the country. We believe in Canadians and we invest for tomorrow.

Does the member opposite believe he would like to cut at random affecting the lives of innocent people? Does the member opposite not believe in investing in tomorrow? Does the member opposite not believe in Canadians?

Mr. White (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, there were three questions. I will back to the first one.

The member opposite talked about how the Liberal government had established confidence in the people of the country.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. White (Fraser Valley West): They are clapping, I say to those who cannot hear it.

• (2050)

Let me just cite a couple of things that have not established any particular amount of confidence, some things that I have tripped over lately. The government gives CPP, old age security, the old age security income supplement and GST rebates to criminals in prisons. Does that give a lot of confidence to people out there? I have received hundreds, if not thousands, of telephone calls from senior citizens across the country since we divulged that. Does that give people confidence?

Our people are overtaxed. Does that give people confidence? The Young Offenders Act so weak that it is just a plain, poor job. I do not know where the confidence is coming from. It is not oozing from my riding. Perhaps it is somewhere along the line.

There was a question about \$26,000 per person. To have the unmitigated gall to justify that debt to our young people because they would like to live in the country is pretty poor justification indeed. It is future generations that we have to try to help. Because we live in such a great country does not justify Liberal borrowing at all or borrowing by the other party from Jurassic Park.

The final question was whether or not we could justify cutting at random. We produced during the election zero in three. We justified it. For a new party with 52 elected people, a lot of people understood it. The reason why the zero in three does not quite work right now and we have to amend it is that the debt