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ter, for example, can sign an affidavit which takes away the right of people to have a judge examine the efficacy, the honesty, and the appropriateness of what the Crown is saying and what the litigants are saying? Why do we need it? Section 41(1) is a much more proper section. I will not read it. It is long, but in that particular case a judge does have right and duty of perusal.

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I do not want to go on at great length. I think the point has been made. I believe that the Minister of Justice himself recognizes that this is a matter of concern. He said so in the House when he said that the whole Federal Court Act was discussed by the various provincial attorneys general some months ago. That was last March. I urge the government very strongly to take into account the effect this section has and to remove that kind of section, or amend it, so that a judge of the Federal Court does have the right and duty to peruse what a cabinet minister says shall be forbidden to be released.

I hope that as a result of some of these unfortunate revelations which have come out in the past months concerning some of the institutions which people in this country had always trusted the government will make a strong effort to clean up its act and to restore a sense of confidence in the agencies I have mentioned, and in some others as well.

I do not wish to go on too long, but there are a couple of things I would like to say in conclusion. The message I want to leave on behalf of my constituents in this throne speech debate is simply this: I want the government to show some capable management or manpower capability, for a change. So far, mismanagement has been its hallmark. I suggest most respectfully that the government should stop playing musical chairs with the cabinet to the point where ministers are not in their portfolios long enough to develop expertise. I would like to see the government demonstrate some principles for a change because in recent years the Liberal Party has become no longer a party in the federal scene. It has become simply an alliance for power; its credo is expedience; its purpose is to provide avenues for opportunists. The result is that the whole country has lost faith in politicians generally.

The government has left a heritage of cynicism for many Canadians who, as a result of some of the events which have taken place in past months, no longer believe in politics or politicians. The Prime Minister must recognize that billions have been wasted by his government through mal-administration, misadministration, boondoggling, and useless and grandiose projects. Indeed, one might say with some justification that the Prime Minister, among his other attributes, has an edifice complex.

Therefore people in my constituency will be watching with interest to see if the government has learned its lesson and if some of the things it has put forward in the Speech from the Throne, including an opportunity to develop a more open and honest administration, are brought into legislation. They will be looking for the results of more positive management of the economy. The people in my constituency, like all Nova Sco-

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tians, are fair, and if the government can exhibit this type of conduct I know they would want me on their behalf to support the government's efforts.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I too wish to begin with the traditional congratulations to the individuals who moved and seconded the motion which began the throne speech debate.

On behalf of the constituents of Pembina I wish to convey sincere thanks for the kindness the Queen bestowed upon Canada by sharing her presence with us in her Jubilee Year. We look forward to having the Queen with us once again in Edmonton when she and Prince Philip will be there to participate in the Commonwealth Games next year.

One could not help but notice yesterday when listening to the debate—when the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) participated and then the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau)—the excellence of the speech of the leader of my party. The Leader of the Opposition did such a superb job that the Prime Minister had to bolster himself by scooping the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) and by telling the Canadian people that there would be an additional $150 million spent under the Canada Works Program. This was not supposed to be announced until this evening, and it was obvious that the Prime Minister was fully aware that he had been upstaged by the Leader of the Opposition.

When we participate in the throne speech debate I think we should review some of the things the Prime Minister has done over the past ten years. The present administration has set many records, and I would like to review some of them. Today we have record inflation because of the administration sitting opposite us. We have record unemployment, record mortgage rates, record interest rates and record government spending, and when we review the last ten budgets the government has brought forward, we find that nine of the last ten budgets were deficit budgets. Because of that dubious record we now have our highest level of foreign borrowing. Our dollar is sinking. We on this side of the House were hoping that the throne speech would provide a redirection at the economic level, but nothing was forthcoming.

A great deal of importance has been placed on the national unity issue, and that importance is merited, but it is obvious that if economic trends continue for the next ten years as they have for the last ten years, we are not going to have a country worth saving. Our Prime Minister is so preoccupied with the linguistic issue that he has let everything else slide to the side. Hon. members on all sides of the House have stated the importance of leadership in government. We saw yesterday the type of leadership the Leader of the Opposition can give to this Chamber and to this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Elzinga: This leadership is also exemplified in the way the Leader of the Opposition has approached Bill 101, which