May 8, 1974

The Budget-Mr. Douglas

• (1740)

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Douglas: Canadian political history is replete with precedents of taxes which have been collected, even after parliament has been dissolved, on the basis of a notice of ways and means, on the basis of an order in council or even on the basis of a mere announcement by the government. In 1947, Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister of finance in a Liberal government, announced over the radio a series of new taxes which went into effect that evening, and they were collected. There was no legislation, no order in council and no notice of ways and means motions.

In 1962-63, an order in council by the government of the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) gave it the power to collect taxes. That was validated later by legislation passed by the Pearson government when it came into office. What this government is trying to do is draw a red herring across the trail. It is trying to confuse the public, because members of the government consistently have told us that the import compensation will cost \$1,400 million and now it transpires that unless cost participation is levied by the oil producing countries it will cost \$925 million, and this represents \$475 million in extra revenue that they do not want to give to the producing provinces. That is the real reason.

I say, Mr. Speaker, that this government has had its chance. We gave it our support as long as it was following programs we thought would help this country. They have run out of steam, they have run out of ideas and they have run out of the courage which is necessary to restructure our society. I shall close with words which are well known in British parliamentary history—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): "Go. In the name of God, go".

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker-

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being 5.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty pursuant to section 6 of Standing Order 60 to interrupt these proceedings and forthwith put the question on the subamendment now before the House.

All those in favour of the subamendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment to the amendment (Mr. Lewis) which was agreed to on the following division:

[Mr. Douglas.]

(Division No. 8)

YEAS

Messrs.

Alexander Harding Alkenbrack Hargrave Andre Harney Arrol Hees Atkey Hellyer Baker Higson Baldwin Hollands Balfour Holmes Barnett Horner Bawden (Crowfoot) Beattie Horner (Hamilton (Battleford-Mountain) Kindersley) Beatty Howard (Wellington-Grey-Howie Dufferin-Waterloo) Hueglin Bell Hurlburt Benjamin Jarvis Blackburn Jelinek Blenkarn Kempling Brewin Knight Broadbent Knowles Carter (Winnipeg Clark North Centre) (Rocky Mountain) Knowles Clarke (Norfolk. (Vancouver Haldimand) Quadra) Korchinski Coates Lambert Cossitt (Edmonton West) Crouse La Salle Danforth Lawrence Darling Leggatt Dick Lewis Diefenbaker Lundrigan Dinsdale MacDonald Douglas (Egmont) Ellis MacDonald (Miss) Epp (Kingston and Fairweather the Islands) Firth MacInnis Forrestall (Cape Breton-Frank East Richmond) Fraser MacInnis (Mrs.) Gilbert (Vancouver Kingsway) Gillies MacKay Gleave MacLean Grafftey Macquarrie Grier Madill Hales Marshall Haliburton Masniuk Hamilton Mather (Qu'Appelle-Mazankowski Moose Mountain) McCain Hamilton McCleave (Swift Current-McGrath Maple Creek) McKenzie

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