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patterns. Their big Hollywood movies are going to be our big Hollywood movies.

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They will not even protect our cultural heritage in this country. Try to get a Canadian movie shown in our theatres. Hollywood made sure of that. Jack Valenti made sure that the government got lobbied. Flora MacDonald promised that she would bring in legislation that would ensure that Canadian-made movies about Canadian life would be shown in Canadian theatres. In fact, we have no more Canadian movies than we had before she made the promise.

They are selling out all the time. Why? Because they worship at an altar that is different. It is an altar that is not rooted in the people of Canada. It is foreign to the people of Canada. It has its roots in the boardrooms of the nation, not in the bedrooms of the nation.

That is where that whole neo-Conservative agenda this government has been taking the Canadian people. They want us to be more like our cousins to the south where the only thing that matters is the buck you can make. They do not give a damn about the person who lives beside them or the person who sits beside them. They will look after themselves and the devil can take the rest of them.

That is the attitude, a selfish atavistic attitude. That is returning to the past. The movement that I am part of, the New Democratic Party, recognizes that we are our brothers' keepers and therefore we have a responsibility to our brothers and sisters. We are the keepers of each other's concerns.

That is what we have built in Canada. We have built a society. Look at all of the things we have built; the social programs, the credit unions, the co-op movement, co-op housing, the way fishermen work in co-ops, the farmers, this is the kind of society we have built.

This government is chipping away at it, gradually destroying it, day by day. It has brought in Bill C-21 that says we will put all the money we make on the GST into servicing the debt. Of course, the next line it will sell to Canadians is: "You can reduce the deficit even further if you let us increase the GST". That is the next step.

We have argued against the GST. We have always said that these consumer taxes should be left to the provinces since the federal government has a greater ability to tax and the provinces are restricted. After all, the provinces gave up income tax to the federal government. If you recall it was only on a temporary basis during the second world war. What was temporary then became permanent.

We recognized that the provinces' way of raising money would be through consumer taxes. We call them provincial sales taxes. There was an understanding that that area would be left to the provinces. What happened? The federal government moved right into that area and has its own sales tax. What has it been doing to the provinces? It has been blackmailing them, threatening them that if they do not integrate the provincial sales tax with the federal sales tax, it will not collect the sales tax on consumer goods brought across the border.

Ontario loses anywhere from \$300 to \$400 million because the federal government will not collect the provincial sales tax at the border. This government says to the province: "If you want us to collect it you have to integrate the rest of it."

What a way to run a Confederation. What happened to the co-operative spirit of Confederation? Is this the kind of spirit that breeds harmony when you sit around the table to discuss the Constitution? Is this the spirit that motivates give and take at the constitutional negotiating table? Is that the spirit?

**An hon. member:** Do as I say, not as I do.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** It is the old Trudeau approach. The confrontation of federal-provincial relations is being continued. It is not an amelioration of differences. It is not give and take. That was Trudeau's approach and here it is being continued by these neo-Conservatives. It is a sad commentary.

Here is the province of Ontario and all the other provinces in very rough economic times. I do not buy this garbage when they now run around and say: "This is an international recession". When we had Dr. Crow and Dr. Wilson before us, the Conference Board of Canada said that this was a made-in-Canada recession.