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The impact of these circumstances on our youth in this Utopia is an increase in property crimes among youth of 57 per cent since this government has been building this Utopia.

Mr. Bjornson: Mr. Speaker, I would not say that is particularly nit-picking but I am glad the member brought up the problems he has in his own community of Windsor. The honourable member and I sat on a committee that did significant research into the auto parts industry. We found government policies which preceded us such as the National Energy Program, the low value of the dollar and the auto pact created an industry in southern Ontario that was not competitive.

The problem we have today is former policies, which people probably thought were all right at the time, but obviously did not work. As a result, we are going through a significant adjustment. I feel sorry for anybody who does not have a job, but these people do not have jobs because they are not high-tech. The reason they are not high-tech is the fact they work in a low-tech factory which is no longer competitive. If the leadership at that time had forced industry to modernize, educate its workers and be competitive, maybe we would not have the problems we have today.

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this debate. Today we are discussing whether or not we should agree to give this government \$48,902,383,552.00.

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That is the decision we have to make. That is in the bill before us. I want to say to the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona I did not prepare this bill, but that is what is asked of us.

Now should we give \$48,902,383,552 to those clowns across the way? That is the decision for us to make.

Let us evaluate what it did with the money we gave it last time. As you know, this House has voted money for this government on a number of occasions. Let us review some of its expenditures.

Only a few short days ago I asked the government how many departments and agencies presently had outstanding computer contracts, not the ones that are finished,

not the ones that are over, not the ones they gave to their friends and have been completed, just the ones still in progress. Do you know what the answer was? The answer was \$1,123,498,026.58. Those are just the outstanding contracts. My colleague asks very appropriately, does it not have enough? Seemingly not. This is what it is up to.

In my continuing quest to find out whether or not we should give this amount of \$48 billion to the government across the way, more particularly to the Prime Minister, I asked other questions. It has come to my attention the Government of Canada does not trust Canada Post. I do not know why anyone would not trust Canada Post. I cannot think of any reason. But the Government of Canada used Interpost, which is a Dutch postal system partially owned by the Dutch government, partially owned by KLM Airlines and partially owned by a great Canadian company, Northwest Airlines of the United States.

It gave \$733,000 worth of contracts to deliver the mail to this particular Dutch company over a recent period. Let me draw a parallel for my colleagues here in the House. That is a little bit like me owning a taxi company and using someone else's taxi-cab to go around town.

Mr. Kilgour: Save gas?

Mr. Boudria: I suppose it would save gas in my own cab, but it would not make much business sense. Then again, the government across the way does not make much business sense. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources used \$301,000 worth of this particular service. Do you know the reason he gave me? Interpost offered low rates and "reliable service". The government used the Dutch post office to deliver its mail because it gave reliable service. What does that say about the Canadian postal system it owns and runs on behalf of the people of Canada? It tells me this government does not trust its own corporation.

That is not the only area where this government has wasted money. This government has been wasting money since it has been in power. It has been buying limousines, travelling around, doing all kinds of things and just wasting taxpayers' money like you would not believe. We have a first-class Minister of External Affairs who proved her class to all of us recently when she broke the