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would be wise to hold off calling that bill until after the Speaker has ruled?

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, I would certainly not call the bill if there was some doubt as to it being in order, but I am not aware that that is a serious obstacle. I merely think it is appropriate to have the legislation dealt with since it came from the budget of April 1989. Since April 1989 whole borders have disappeared in parts of the world. Perhaps this House can deal with a piece of legislation after so many months.

**Mr. Benjamin:** You didn't call it for 10 months.

**Mr. Andre:** It will be in order. I hope I can get the hon. member's co-operation in dealing with any questions outstanding and finding some way of finally getting it off the Order Paper.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1990-91

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that Bill C-65, an act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Madam Speaker, I want to reiterate what I said this morning. Because of the ongoing confusion on the part of the government in managing affairs here in the House of Commons, it should not surprise the Canadian people that to is equally confused about managing the finances of this country.

When I left off at one o'clock I was talking about the small crafts harbour program under the public accounts of Canada. In Ontario alone the boats, the fishermen and all the equipment purchased for a boat in use out of a small crafts harbour bring in \$300 million annually in tax revenue to the province and the federal government. It is equally distributed, \$150 million to the province and \$150 million to Ottawa, but the government only puts \$3 million back into the small craft harbours program in Canada, which is 1 per cent.

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I was also talking about tourism this morning and commending the hon. member for Broadview—Greenwood on the excellent work that he has done on the environment. Environment and tourism must go hand in hand, and we have a lot of development and promotion to do throughout the 1990s. It must be remembered that tourism also improves international understanding and peace in the world.

Sometime ago we talked in the House about ministerial travel. That is still an outstanding matter on the public accounts of Canada. This government is the only one left in Canada now that does not submit receipts for ministerial travel. In every province and territory in Canada ministers submit ministerial travel expenses for viewing by their auditor general. Our Auditor General of Canada has yet to see a receipt from any cabinet minister in this government. We will be looking for that statement in the next few days and, if it is not forthcoming, we will certainly want to know why this government is not accountable in that way.

What we are witnessing today is a government that has no shame. This government talks about financial management but does not practise it. The government says it will not increase taxes and then smothers the people in an economic grave of high taxation. This government not only fails to speak for Canadians but ignores their wishes. It is ripping apart the fabric of this country that has taken over a century to put together. It does not realize that this country is widespread and predominately rural. It fails miserably to respect these established areas and address the problems that they are encountering. Atlantic Canada today is one great example of that. This government has attacked and sold out our once prosperous softwood lumber industry. This government is underhandedly harmonizing the business community and social policies with those of the United States.

This government's policies are the reasons why we have more food banks. I want to repeat this, Madam Speaker: this government's policies are the reasons why we have more food banks in existence in Canada today than we have had since the depression of the 1930s, and then it talks about the great management of public affairs. Such policies are also the reason why we have homeless people sleeping in the doorways of buildings in our larger cities. By wiping out and attacking small town Canada, rural Canada, this government is forcing people