

*Borrowing Authority Act**(Division No. 206)*

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● (1440)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

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BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1986-1987

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed, from Friday, February 28, consideration of the motion of Mrs. McDougall that Bill C-99, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for External Relations): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to take part in the debate this afternoon,—I invite my hon. friends and colleagues opposite to come in,—to speak to the Budget tabled last week and to express my support for the Government's action at this time, which I may remind the House, is primarily aimed at maintaining a continuum. We shall see how the Budget continues and consistently maintains the principles laid down in the November economic message, the first financial statement tabled by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) on November 8, 1984, and the May Budget tabled a while ago. Mr. Speaker, I believe that this Budget, which is aimed at maintaining continuity, deserves to be analyzed and discussed, and that is why I welcome this opportunity to take part in the debate.

The Budget's action is sustained and logical and relevant, and it introduces and is part of a strategy to develop our

country and to face up to our responsibilities. Mr. Speaker, this strategy . . . we must not forget that we are looking to the future and that we are particularly concerned with development plans. I must emphasize that the development plan is both regional and sectorial. I remember last year in the House when, after the election campaign and after the Minister of Finance had brought down his first Budget, a wholesale attack was launched on the Budget and the measures it contained.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether you remember, but at the time I compared the House to a chicken coop, because our hon. friends opposite kept saying: You promised jobs, jobs, jobs and all you did was cut, cut, cut. And they kept repeating the same "cut, cut, cut", sounding like a bunch of chickens.

Today, I suppose we could say the attitude of the Opposition has changed, but in any case they are not listening very carefully because there is no one in the House. Their attitude may have changed, Mr. Speaker, because 586,000 new jobs were created, and whatever the Opposition said at the time, which was widely publicized, and the press could perhaps help us in that respect, because they can go back to their files and see what they wrote. The press will tell us it is true, the Opposition told us last year: The Budget brought down by Mr. Wilson will lead to the loss of 200,000 jobs. And now, Mr. Speaker, we have 586,000 new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, that is why it is very important to take another look at Mr. Wilson's Budget speech and look at the statistics it contains, to show how beneficial our action as a Government has been.

Still on the subject of regional development, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say first of all that we are putting \$3.8 billion into regional development—I will let my hon. friend from the Atlantic provinces elaborate on the Atlantic Enterprise Program and the Cape Breton Investment Tax Credit. I think it is only fair to have the Member for this region comment in greater detail on these measures.

● (1450)

Mr. Speaker, something must be said about measures especially designed for the North. Effective January 1, 1987, all northern residents will be eligible for a net income tax deduction of 20 per cent related to their dwelling, up to a maximum of \$225 a month for each individual, or \$450 if the taxpayer resides in a self-contained domestic dwelling. In other words, Mr. Speaker, first it is no longer temporary, as the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) said this morning, it will be on a permanent basis, it will be part of the Standing Orders of the House, of the Budget process, and it will be a statutory provision as of now.

So the first thing is the possibility of a deduction related to the dwelling. As a second measure, Mr. Speaker, we will also allow more travel deductions for northern residents, not only for medical purposes but also for vacation travel. There will be no set limit for trips to hospital, but all other trips will be