

Mr. Crosbie: —are far better off than the low income householders in Newfoundland, and some other crocodile characters from across the House said that the Newfoundlanders were really getting the foot put to them. Some 82 per cent of them own their own homes without a mortgage. I say that it is wonderful that 82 per cent of Newfoundlanders own their homes without a mortgage. Wonderful! They build their own homes. They are not like that crowd up there who cannot build a matchbox.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: Every one of those Newfoundland home owners who is a federal taxpayer is going to get a property tax credit of \$67.50 this year, and \$250 in four years' time. Every one of those Newfoundland home owners is going to benefit. The same with Quebec home owners and other home owners in Canada. So the gentleman from Toronto-Broadview should forget his concern about the penthouse occupiers in Toronto-Broadview and Metropolitan Toronto, and also the hon. member from Quebec city who suggested that the Newfoundlanders were getting done in.

Another gentleman who asked where the money is going to come from, was tattle-tale Gray. He is wondering for the first time since 1962. He wondered where the money was going to come from. We never once heard him talk about where the money was coming from when the Liberal party was in power and they were slashing it out in every direction in the last ten years, the tax expenditures, the document I filed yesterday, the \$30 odd billion of tax expenditures they lashed out—Lash Larue had nothing on them, Mr. Speaker. Between 1972 and this year they gave out \$15 billion in tax relief, and when we are trying to give out a little squeezly-measly couple of billion dollars over the next four years—we are phasing it in because of our fiscal responsibility and requirements—they cry, “where is the money coming from?”

An hon. Member: The toothless tooth fairy.

Mr. Crosbie: Yes, the NDP, somebody suggested, is the toothless tooth fairy.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: The hon. member I saw on TV, up in the office today, the member from Sudbury—

An hon. Member: The hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez).

Mr. Crosbie: Sorry, Nickel Belt. He was one of the people described here as a loose coalition of radical groups, feminists, gays, Trotskyites, radical socialists, and those disenchanted with the party's moderate profile. I was wondering which one was he?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson):

Time Allocation

That the House sit through the dinner hour and extend the hours of sitting tonight to have the two-hour debate required under the provisions of Standing Order 75C, in order to complete the time allocation motion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Upon receipt of this motion I have to refer members to Standing Order 6(5)(a) which authorizes a member to move such a motion to extend the hours of sitting. The motion has to be moved at this time in the last hour before the completion of debate on the subject matter. The Chair, after putting the motion, has to ask members who oppose the motion to so indicate. If there are more than ten members who oppose the motion, it is withdrawn.

All members who oppose the motion, please rise.

And more than ten members having risen.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion is now deemed to have been withdrawn.

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, it is certainly tough to get up here and yell fire and brimstone like the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie). I must confess I have a great deal of difficulty understanding some expressions like a squeezly-measly couple of billions of dollars. I guess it will take me a few more years in the House to be able to handle billions of dollars with that kind of language.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, as a new member I find it difficult to reconcile this motion for closure with the behaviour of the government with regard to Bill C-20 because of the latter's holier-than-thou attitude towards parliamentary procedure when it represented the official opposition. The right hon. Prime Minister said repeatedly that the government was willing to consider reasonable amendments, but its actions indicate the contrary. In fact, the government knows that what little time it allowed parliamentarians would eliminate any possibility of proposing amendments. The government dragged its feet for almost five months before calling us to work.

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[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I would ask hon. members not interested in listening to the speeches to at least allow the Chair to hear what is being said.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, the government dragged its feet for almost five months before calling us back to work in October, and it waits for seven months before deeming it time to bring down a budget. But, cynically, it introduces this bill just before the deadline for printing the income tax return forms.

[*English*]

I cannot understand what the haste was, what the necessity was for the government to introduce this measure this year. It