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will stand and vote against this tax, the tax would be dead. It would be finished. We would axe the tax. We have one Tory tax too many. Let's hit that tax here and now.

If this Tory tax comes in, it will increase inflation in the country, it will increase interest rates—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The hon. member for Wetaskiwin on a point of order.

**Mr. Littlechild:** Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear to the House that as far as my vote on the goods and services tax is concerned, I have had an opportunity to discuss it with my constituents and I will be voting in favour of the GST.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. members:** Goodbye, Willie, goodbye, Willie!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Although that was not a point of order, I will still recognize the hon. member for Yorkton—Melville.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, if the television cameras in this place could have a little creativity, they would have noticed that before the hon. member for Wetaskiwin rose to speak, the heavy-handed Whip of the Conservative Party went over to his seat and he whispered in his ear. The member for Wetaskiwin then picked up his pencil and made some notes on a piece of paper when the Whip was whispering in his ear. After the Whip went away, so he was off the camera, the member for Wetaskiwin got up in his place and stated that he had consulted with his constituents and will vote for the GST. What hypocrisy! The people of the country should know that.

The member for Wetaskiwin had just said in *The Toronto Star*, and I quote Linda Diebel: "Tories David Kilgour, Alex Kindy and Willie Littlechild—"

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The hon. member for Wetaskiwin on a point of order again.

**Mr. Littlechild:** On a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I think what is being said is what *The Toronto Star* may have written, not what I said. Also, with respect to the Whip, he did not slip me a paper nor did he say anything to me as he walked by.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, I did not say he slipped him a piece of paper. What happened, if the cameras were creative, the heavy-handed Whip of the Conservative Party went over there and he whispered in his ear. The member for Wetaskiwin took a pad of paper and started to write as the Whip spoke in his ear. Within about half a minute, the member for Wetaskiwin got up in the House and said: "Look, I am listening to my constituents. I have been converted on the road to Damascus. I am listening to my constituents and I am going to vote for the GST".

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Is it any wonder why that member is running fourth in the riding of Wetaskiwin? Is it any wonder why the Conservative party is running fourth in the province of Alberta, because they will not listen to the people and are bringing in a tax that people in that province and this country do not want; from the Conservative premier right on down they do not want that tax.

It is inflationary. It is going to drive up interest rates in this country. It is going to drive up the deficit in this country. It is going to cause a loss of jobs in this country. It is going to drive out investment. We know that. We know there are alternatives. We know we could raise the money that we need in this country through the income tax system in ways which would not be inflationary, which would not drive up interest rates, which would not add to the national deficit, which would create jobs, which would stimulate investment.

The Conservative party across the way is breaking faith with the people of this country. It is a breach of the democratic process. It is jackboot tactics pure and simple. It makes C. D. Howe back in the 1950s look like a child in comparison.

How about those members across the way showing some courage and standing up to the Minister of Finance, standing up to the chairman of the finance committee, standing up to the Prime Minister of this country, having the courage of their convictions, representing the people.

There is a revolt in the back bench of that Conservative party and we saw an example today where the member for Wetaskiwin said in the *Toronto Star* that he would vote against it. The heavy-handed Whip moves in, within seconds he gets up and he has a conversion on the road to Damascus—