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are available to it to make up whatever extra funds full indexing will cost. All the Government has to do is to charge a modest interest rate on the \$35 billion worth of deferred corporate taxes which are owed to the people of Canada—that is at 10 per cent interest, which is modest—and it would have \$3.5 billion to reduce the deficit and maintain full indexing. There are a lot of options open to the Government which would receive the support of the House of Commons. It should look at those options rather than resorting to chiselling the old people, poor families and their children.

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this is a wide-ranging debate. We are talking about multinationals and oil proposals and so on. It was interesting to listen to the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) talking about speeches. We have been listening to the same NDP speeches for years and years and it still has only 30 seats and 20 per cent support, so obviously its line is not being received very well.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary but according to the list I have, the Hon. Member has already spoken on the amendment and cannot speak twice.

Mr. Manly: On the hoist motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On the hoist motion. The Hon. Member has already spoken on the amendment, therefore, he is not able to speak again on the same amendment.

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, I must say that during my 13 months as a new Member of Parliament, I found it interesting to look at the old faces in the House who do their talking in the way of the old Liberal Party, which controlled, ruled, and governed this country for so many years. My hon. friend in his speech talked about a national debt for \$200 billion. The Conservative Government was elected with a large majority by the people of Canada who asked us to give them a better administration and that is exactly what we are doing at this time.

My riding of Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine for the past 22 years under what we called Liberal despotic rule. My riding has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the country and we have seen the full gambit of Liberal programs. Every now and then we listen to a member of the New Democratic Party criticizing the Conservatives but providing no better answers than the Liberals had. We can never forget, Mr. Speaker, that the economy must go hand in hand with our social programs. When our pockets are empty, we cannot buy food, and this is the dilemma we are in now in 1985. This is the great heritage left to us by our Liberal predecessors.

Being a young politician and a young man with four children, I realize that with our country's national debt, my children and their children will not be able to survive on our present programs. This is the reason the Government has taken these steps. When the Opposition cries that the poor people are not going to get as much as they already receive,

this is false. Families earning less than \$25,000 will receive more. The 3 per cent indexation represents 94 cents per month, which, in this day and age, Mr. Speaker, means absolutely nothing. But whether it is a family who earns under \$25,000 or a family who earns over \$100,000, there is no national pride, and the deeper our national debt grows, the less our national pride will be.

On September 4, 1984, we said that we would put our house in order, and that is exactly what we are doing. The old Liberal programs did not succeed. The only thing the Liberals succeeded in doing was to create a situation where the people could not work and had to depend 100 per cent on Liberal hand-outs. This new Government is about to change completely the national image and will once again instil a national pride in our people. Speaking on behalf of my constituents, Mr. Speaker, I can assure you that the change which was made in September of 1984, was a change desperately needed and a change about which the people are proud and happy. They finally have a Government which is realistic, a Government with a good administration, and a Government which is concerned with the poor people in this land.

I trust that the Conservative Party will be in power for the next 100 years. Unfortunately, we in this House will not be around that long. However, I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that with the new Government programs and with the contribution of every single Canadian, we must attack our national debt. We must all contribute, and that is what this Government is asking. I can assure this House, as I can assure all Canadians, that with good Government administration, our children, our grandchildren and those who follow will be much better off in the years to come.

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Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to make some general comments concerning Bill C-70. A previous Conservative speaker said that "our main concern is to help the needy". I have some difficulty believing that Member. I believe that Canadians generally have considerable difficulty in believing that the main concern of this Conservative Government is to help the needy, and I want to indicate why.

If one looks at the Budget of May 23 and its over-all impact, one cannot help but conclude that the Budget is unfair. It is sneaky. It is a vicious attack on the needy and the disadvantaged in our society. Before the Budget was handed down, we were told by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), Ministers of the Crown, indeed all Conservative Members, that it was going to be tough but fair. Ministers fanned out across the country to tell people that it would be tough but fair. The Opposition asked for the Budget at an early date, but were told by the Prime Minister that the Government was in the process of consulting with Canadians. The Government wanted to know what Canadians had to say about the Budget that was to be handed down, but we were continually told that it would be tough but fair. I would like to ask you, Mr. Speaker, what is fair about that Conservative Budget? What is fair about a