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while giving them a refund at the end of the year without interest. That is an example of how desperate this government is for funds in order to continue its growth pattern. Only God knows what their grandiose scheme is.

I would like those hon. members to talk to some of the young people who have graduated from universities, technical colleges and community colleges. I only wish that all those members in the government backbenches could come with me to Fort McMurray, Grand Centre, Athabasca and High Prairie to talk to some of those people the government encouraged by saying that the future is theirs. The government told these people to go to university to receive an education because the world is their oyster. Well, those young people did do that. I had 14 graduate engineers come to me in my area asking what they would do because they could not find employment. Most of them had job offers last year but due to the cutbacks by the oil companies they are unemployed today.

Mr. Irwin: Oil companies obviously need more money.

Mr. Shields: I hope that hon. member is in his proper seat. They do not sit in their proper seats, Mr. Speaker, so they cannot be identified. If the hon. member had been in the House when I began my remarks, he might understand what cash flow is and why it is needed to service debt. However, I understand that is beyond their capability.

Mr. Irwin: Explain profit from investment.

Mr. Shields: I would like to explain it to the hon. member if he is prepared to listen. I could offer him a house for \$500,000. It is available at no downpayment and he can move in today. I suggest that he would look at the situation and determine if he

would have the cash flow to cover it. He would find that if he had to pay \$10,000 or \$20,000 a month to maintain the mortgage on that house, he would not have the cash flow.

I will explain to hon. members opposite once again that the Alsands consortium at Fort McMurray is attempting to put together a \$13 billion effort. They will not receive any cash flow from that operation until the \$13 billion is spent. In other words, they need cash flow from other sources to maintain the debt. That is not unrealistic.

Mr. Irwin: Explain profit from investment.

Mr. Shields: Those Liberal members do not understand simple economics, and we expect them to have the backbone to stand up to their colleagues in the frontbenches and say that enough is enough! The government is killing the economy and this is evidenced by the number of unemployed across Canada. I suggest to the hon. member that he visit the unemployment lines and go to this riding to talk to small businessmen to find out what is happening. He may then have the nerve and backbone to stand up to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to say "Enough is enough; resign and leave this place to let some other members take your place and run the country."

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
