

On June 23 in Ottawa, the former Minister of Communications, who was soundly defeated by my learned colleague from Kingston and the Islands on November 21, had promised \$250 million to support the Canadian film industry.

On June 23, the same Minister promised \$35 million of extra funding for the CBC for future expansion.

On June 24, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre), alias the Minister responsible for the Post Office, promised \$1.6 million as a bail-out for the Consumers' Association of Canada.

This is all before the election just happened, too.

**An Hon. Member:** There was no national debt then.

**Mr. Boudria:** There was no national debt. It was only in the area of \$300 billion before the election. What's \$300 billion?

Let me continue, because there is more.

**An Hon. Member:** Pretty exciting.

**Mr. Boudria:** I know it is exciting but let me continue.

On June 25, the Minister for multiculturalism promised \$900,000 for government advertising. I know that is hard to believe, government advertising.

On June 26 in British Columbia, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans awarded a \$1.8 million contract to carry out research.

On June 27, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs announced \$5 million to establish a national review board to monitor Canada Post.

On June 27, the Minister of Agriculture, together with his colleague from Nova Scotia, the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay), announced a \$30 million federal government program to assist Nova Scotia agriculture.

On June 28, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) announced \$38 million in duty remissions to those poor fellows at Goodyear.

On June 29 in Ottawa, the Minister responsible for regional industrial expansion announced \$7.2 million to establish international trade centres across Canada.

I could go on and on describing the millions and billions being spent. Let me give you another example where money was spent.

**An Hon. Member:** Committed.

*The Address—Mr. Boudria*

**Mr. Boudria:** I am sorry, committed. I am sorry for that *faux pas*. I would never want to accuse the Tories of promising or otherwise spending. They are committing money, according to the vocabulary dictated to us by the great one himself, the Prime Minister.

I will go a little further and describe that on July 20, the amateur Minister of fitness and sports—no, I am sorry—the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sports—

**An Hon. Member:** Captain steroid.

**Mr. Boudria:** —promised \$600 million in contracts over the next four years.

The then Minister of Defence on July 21 announced the purchase of 820 northern terrain all-weather vehicles. That is a cost of \$420 million.

On July 21, the Minister of Health announced a program of \$1 billion for day care. By the million and by the billion, all from a Government during an election campaign. It was telling us then that it had all that money in the budget, all that money in the Estimates. If it were true then, Mr. Speaker, what happened to the estimation process, I ask you, if right now we have to cut back? Our colleague from Halton was telling us a while ago we had to cut back. At that time he was a writer, probably criticizing some of these outrageous promises that were being made. I do not know what happened. As my distinguished colleagues behind me say, the Tories obviously peeled back on some of the commitments they had made.

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[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, in the Throne Speech the federal Government said we must protect the environment. Saying so is easy. It's like saying we should like apple pie. Of course we do, and of course we should or at least most people will want to protect the environment. However, when we see that during the last Parliament, during the last four years, the Government cut back staff at the Department of the Environment and either made budget cuts or at any rate refused to increase the budget and votes for the Department of the Environment in proportion to the rate of inflation, how can we be expected to take the Conservative Government seriously? Mr. Speaker, not long ago I heard on the media that an organization in the United States was going to present a medal or some kind of award to the Prime Minister for what he has done for the environment. It is nice to see that some Conservative Members are applauding, since the same group that wants to congratulate the Prime Minister has some of the biggest polluters in North