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for students was an obvious necessity. It seems that the government has no intention of following this up. I can understand the frustration of the young before the attitude of the government. There is a desire to provide against this resolution which is wrong. This service would make it possible to remedy the situation. The establishment of a civil service on a national scale would have created thousands of job opportunities. And if I understand the meaning of the resolution that was passed, the public service could have found a job for all students, provided they had applied for one. But we would then have given proper guidance to these young people who wonder to what extent members of the House are responsible.

By giving a positive answer to such a resolution, we would have proved to these young people that the members of the House are aware of their problems and want them to become actively involved in society. We would have enabled them to accept responsibility and to earn a salary which would have made it possible for them to continue their studies without always relying on a scholarship which often comes too late, or on the financial assistance of their parents which is often inadequate, and that is justified.

I wonder to what extent the government has exerted itself and has shown its awareness of the needs of those students. With the future of Canada in mind, it is very important, I think, to give some responsibility to each student and a salary that will enable him to continue his studies.

I also wish, Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): I am sorry to have to tell the hon. member that his time has expired.

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I have just listened to the speeches by the hon. Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Gray) and a member of the official opposition who has, to my immense surprise, congratulated the hon. member for Bellechasse. It is a rather rare occurrence for a member to congratulate a group because he would generally be expected to attack the leader of the party. The ideas expressed today by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) and upheld in this House are exactly the same as the ones so often outlined here by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette), the leader of the Ralliement Cr ditiste.

They are also exactly the same as those expressed here for the last 36 years. When Social Credit was discussed in this House, whether by Social Credit members from western Canada or by the Ralliement Cr ditiste from the province of Quebec, the principles have remained the same.

And the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) approved our plans to grant credits to the population in different sectors of the economy, but he did not tell us where he would get those credits. That is what we would very much like to know, where to get them? From the pockets of citizens who are already broke, already over-taxed?

[Mr. La Salle.]

Mr. La Salle: From the Bank of Canada!

Mr. Rondeau: I would have liked the hon. member for Joliette to tell us while he had the floor and to repeat it in the House.

Mr. La Salle: From the Bank of Canada!

Mr. Rondeau: We have a solution to offer. We say credits should be obtained from the Bank of Canada, and we are always consistent with our proposals.

Mr. Speaker, it is amusing for us, members of the Ralliement Cr ditiste to hear some members discussing something they know nothing about.

We soon find that they have never studied it. Some of them, I agree, know better, but their political ties prevent them from airing their knowledge. I know some Liberal members, among others, who are quite familiar with the working of finance, of the banking system in Canada.

They remind me, when they talk about Social Credit, of those three individuals who, one day, were standing, blind-folded, in front of an elephant in the Granby zoo. One was near the leg of an elephant and tried to guess where he was. When he touched the leg, he thought he was in a temple near a column.

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Another individual who was feeling his body thought he was in a warehouse and was touching some kind of a barrel. A third individual who touched the elephant trunk thought he was holding a cable.

When I hear the members opposite, they remind me of people who are blind in the economic field. From time to time, they say: We have encouraged employment. Later they add: We must fight inflation, or still: We must raise or control prices or establish a price control board. We are only presented in this House with temporary solutions, fumbling solutions, by people who move in darkness, with their eyes shut, and who go blindly in the economic field.

The Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Gray) has spoken tonight on the motion under consideration on behalf of the government. I would have hoped that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) would have been in the House to give us his reply, for we know very well that the Minister of National Revenue has but one thing in mind, to tax and to "pump" money out of the pocket of citizens to feed the Treasury.

The Minister of Finance also has always another thing in mind, namely get the people into debt. Those are the only two sources of revenue that this government and the preceding ones have known.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Revenue has, as in some other circumstances, raised the scarecrow of inflation. He made me think of a waterworks comptroller who, afraid of flooding the city, would close the water mains and let the city burn.

Mr. Speaker, for fear of inflation in Canada, the Canadians are kept broke, taxed and in debt. Yesterday we