

"A government has the responsibility to make preparations for legislation it is considering," Wilson told the Commons.

So you see we have \$111 million spent by the government toward the administration of a tax that has not yet been approved by the House of Commons and hopefully, of course, it will not be approved at all. Hopefully, after I conclude my remarks today, the members across the way will understand that they have to change their minds and withdraw this offensive provision.

I have another article from *The Toronto Star*, so obviously it has to be the truth. This article is from July 15, 1989. It talks about the use of government jets by cabinet ministers. I know the Tories are very sensitive about the jets. The former Minister of Transport used to be known affectionately as "Benny and his jets". He no longer is the Minister of Transport. He has been sent off to bigger and better things.

This is the kind of money spent and the usefulness of those expenditures. Keep in mind as I read these expenditures that the government wants us to allow it to borrow \$25.5 billion more after it did what I am going to read right now. An article in *The Toronto Star* of July 15, 1989, which is obviously very accurate and very true, of course, states:

Deputy Prime Minister—took the jet back to Ottawa from the west twice in June,—\$84,500.

Defence Minister Bill McKnight took the jet to Saskatoon—\$35,000.

On May 30, Grains and Oilseeds Minister—flew to Winnipeg—

—as though there were not flights from Ottawa to Winnipeg—

—\$27,000.

In May, External Affairs Minister—used a Challenger to shuttle between Paris, Madrid and Brussels—

Again, there are so many airports in some of those European countries that you have a hard time driving 50 miles without seeing one. Here is the cost of this one:

—\$112,500.

**An hon. member:** Imagine!

**An hon. member:** Repeat that.

**Mr. Boudria:** My colleague wants me to repeat this. I will have to do that. "In May of 1989, the Minister of External Affairs used a Challenger to shuttle between Paris, Madrid and Brussels. That cost \$112,500". The

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minister also sent his wife back here on a separate trip which cost \$79,000, to add to the amount that I have just stated. Once all that was over, the minister himself decided to fly to Calgary on the jet and that cost another \$48,000.

In March, 1989, since the last election, and we are talking about all the reasons why this government should not get any more money because it is not using it right, the Minister of Sport at the time—he has since lost his job—flew from Ottawa to Sherbrooke. That cost \$8,000.

As you know, the quickest way to get to Sherbrooke from here is to drive because by the time you go to the airport, warm up the plane, land it and take your car into town, it is just as quick to drive. That would not cost \$8,000.

The Associate Minister of Defence went to Vienna to the opening of the arms talks and that cost \$96,000 on a government jet. That is all for that particular article in *The Toronto Star*.

**Mr. Crosbie:** You must be disappointed.

**Mr. Boudria:** Let me continue. I have lots more. I want the minister to know that there are a lot more.

**Mr. Crosbie:** How about Herb and Otto Lang?

**An hon. member:** What about Pierre?

**Mr. Boudria:** I am glad the member across the way said: "What about Pierre?" I am so glad to hear that, because in the days when Mr. Trudeau was the Prime Minister, he used to go to China to speak. He would bring eight people with him. Do you remember the last trip that the Prime Minister took to southeast Asia? There were 75 people on the plane. Can you imagine that?

**Mr. Crosbie:** How much did that cost?

**Mr. Boudria:** As a matter of fact, he could not use a 10-seater plane. He had to charter a plane from Air Canada in order to put everyone on board.

**An hon. member:** Is that the one with the video equipment?

**An hon. member:** That's the one with the champagne dispenser unit.

**Mr. Boudria:** That tells you just what kind of spend-thrifts these governments are.