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expand the amount wealthy Canadians can contribute to RRSPs.

The Liberals are hurting dramatically over their lack of opposition to the GST and are beginning to realize that Canadians now recognize that they are playing a shell game with their opposition. The Liberals try to play a few games by saying the NDP are against RRSPs and who knows what else they are going to do. That is not our position.

**Mr. Mills:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. You will have to bear with me for a second because this is the first time that I have ever stood in this House on a point of order and you may rule me out of order. But I have been listening to the NDP for the last three hours in here and at a finance committee meeting.

They keep mentioning that we do not have alternatives on this side of the House. I want to be on the record that that is not the case and the New Democrats know it because I personally sent all the NDP members in the last two weeks a copy of one proposal in this party called the single tax. So I think that the record should stand corrected. It is one of many that are being worked on.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tremblay (Québec Est)):** The hon. member from Prince George has the floor.

**Mr. Hockin:** On a point of order. I do not believe that it was a point of order but I would like to know whether or not the single tax is party policy.

**Mr. Mills:** Mr. Speaker, I started off by saying that this is not party policy but we are working on many ideas. Members should not say that we as Liberals are not working on ideas and that we are not proposing alternatives. This is one of many that are being worked on which I presented to the Department of Finance. We have worked on it for nine months and we have yet to have a single response from the Government of Canada on this one idea. I know many of my colleagues have many other ideas, but there has been no response.

**Mr. Horner:** Was that the Pocklington proposal?

**Mr. Mills:** Was that a question? Is it the Pocklington proposal? I should tell you absolutely not.

**Some hon. members:** Order.

• (1810)

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tremblay (Québec-Est)):** Everything that I have heard is, as I see it, matter for debate and I give the floor again to the hon. member for Prince George—Bulkley Valley (Mr. Gardiner).

[*English*]

**Mr. Gardiner:** Mr. Speaker, I know that from our knowledge of the rules it would be a good guess that interventions were probably not points of orders, but that is okay. I will accept that because I know from time to time the Conservatives probably do the same thing.

New Democrats would never rise on a point of order and try to make debating points. I appreciate my hon. friend from the Liberal Party and his nice, fancy tax proposal that I have received. It is in the pile to read at some point.

The Conservative member is correct. As far as we know it is not Liberal party policy. I think the hon. member who rose in his place was considered at one point to perhaps run for the leadership of his party.

I guess the fact that he could not raise the money, the \$1.7 million that the Liberal party says you need to become the leader of that party, prevented him from doing so. He cannot afford it. He had to step down. That shows how much support his idea has in his own party. He could not sell enough books. It is a real comment on the sins of the Liberal party and on how the party treats some of the members of its own caucus who are trying, I think, to make a serious effort with some honourable proposals. But I wonder if the associate finance critic of the Liberal party is aware of this proposal, and what does he think about it.

I wonder if he is prepared to take it to the convention. With the shell game that we are seeing by the Liberals and Conservatives on the GST, we are never sure what to expect.

**Mr. Mills:** Alberta endorsed it.

**Mr. Gardiner:** A member said Premier Getty. That is really something. That is a real plus. Premier Getty has endorsed it. This is the premier of Alberta who is being ridiculed for Family Day today by the Liberal Party.

**Mr. Mills:** The Liberal Party.