

Government listens to anybody except big interests whose toes might be stepped on by this Government.

We are here passing a Bill which wants us to let this Government borrow \$24 billion. The Government is not going to borrow the money to improve the quality of life for those who are unemployed, those people who are going to be receiving unemployment insurance and who have depended on seasonality.

**Mr. Thompson:** What about the debt?

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** I am glad the new Hon. Member for Carleton—Charlotte brought up the matter of the debt. He was not here in 1984. I was here in 1984. I got defeated by this Government's promises in 1984. What was the promise in 1984? It was that the Government would reduce the deficit. Did it reduce the deficit?

**Mr. Thompson:** Yes.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** No, it did not reduce any deficit. In fact, the deficit proposed in this Budget of April 27 is exactly \$30.5 billion for the fiscal year 1989-90. If the Government had not added the biggest tax grab to bring in revenues for \$3.7 billion, where would the deficit be? The Government has put the biggest tax grab on the Canadian people in any time in history when there was not a major crisis. Cutting spending in its own areas might have been better, but no, it goes after cigarettes, gas, fishing vessel diesel oil, all things which will hurt all our constituents. The Government just goes after them with the biggest tax grab.

**An Hon. Member:** Bankrupt, totally bankrupt.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** That is right. What is a deficit if we take away the tax grab this year? If we take away the \$3.7 billion and not put in the taxes, what would the deficit be for 1989-90? It would be \$34.2 billion. What was the deficit in 1984. It was \$34.2 billion.

How can that Government over there say that it has cut the deficits? It has gone through the best economic times, started by the way before it came into office, that this country has seen in the last number of years.

Did the the Government cut deficits? No, it increased deficits. Did it help bring in any new programs? No, it did not bring in any new programs. What is it doing now? It

is cutting VIA. It is going to cut the rail lines in the East. It is going to cut VIA from Halifax to Yarmouth.

**Mr. Thompson:** You do not know that. The report is not out.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** Madam Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Member wants to speak and should be given time to speak about what he thinks is not fair. He is so new in the system that it will take a thunderbolt to hit him rather than this Government telling him what he should know. However, he can ask a question after if he wants.

I just know that this Government is going to hit the Canadian people, particularly those in the East, in the area of health and in the area of post-secondary education as far as universities are concerned. I have said that before and I do not want to go into it again. Now it is going to hit ACOA, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

**Mr. Thompson:** There is \$500 million going to Atlantic Canada this year.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** I just want to say, Madam Speaker,—

**Mr. Thompson:** This fiscal year, \$500 million.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):**—that the Government did not bring in any new programs to replace the ageing sewer and water systems. Is this Member taking part of my time, Madam Speaker?

I just think that the Government has not in the last five years improved the quality of life. In fact, it is going to hit the unemployed; it is not going to find new jobs for the seasonality of the east coast unemployed because of the type of industries we have, either in fishery, forestry, farming, or tourism.

What is the Government going to do to tourism with the national sales tax? It is going to hit us so bad in the East that we will not even know that there is a Canada. The proposed national sales tax is going to hit every area of the service industry in the east coast. As soon as tourists who come across by car or by ferry ask for something, there will be a sales tax. There will be another sales tax and another.

Why does the Conference Board of Canada say that it is tourism which will be hurt the most in the East and that the East will be hurt, not Quebec and Ontario? It is going to be the East in terms of the national sales tax.