

technological change. It has to be co-ordinated with a new way of looking at education. I see that as a major federal responsibility, and it has to be the responsibility of one person. Once it is dispersed, then it is weakened and it is not dealt with in the way it should be.

I might also say to the Hon. Member that I get equally upset and disturbed when I see the dispersment of effort on behalf of the status of women through a plethora of departments which are not properly co-ordinated within the Government structure.

Ms. Jewett: And therefore nothing done.

Mr. McRae: Mr. Speaker, I sympathize with the Hon. Member's desire to transfer more money to provinces for certain purposes. However, I have real difficulty with, perhaps not her, but with her Party, in coming to a conclusion on how to reduce the deficit. This has not been my line but it is her Party leader's line. How are you going to significantly reduce the deficit when probably 75 per cent of the money spent by this Government is in transfers to people, provinces and corporations and to service the public debt? The operation of the Government is responsible for only about 25 per cent of the Budget. I am not one of those who think the deficit is the big problem in this country, but if the Hon. Member's Party wants to spend more money on defence and in other areas and at the same time cut back, where are they going to find the money? What are you prepared to cut? I gather the Hon. Member may be very different from her Party in that she does not want to cut some of the areas of social benefit.

Miss MacDonald: Mr. Speaker, it is very true that the statutory payments, whether to individuals or provinces, are pretty well set in stone. The Government is moving to change that by cutting back on post-secondary education, but I do not agree with that. However, the Hon. Member has asked where changes would be made. We know that we have to operate within a fiscal framework which demands responsibility. I am not sure whether the Hon. Member was here, but I began by listing a half dozen places where the Government had put priority on spending where we would not. I looked at the figures on enterprises like Canadair, de Havilland, VIA Rail and Canada Post, and all the bail-outs which took place, including Maislin and others, and added them up, and they come to some \$4 billion. If you have \$4 billion to play with you can do an awful lot in the way of social programs where inequities still exist. That is where I would begin to look.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): That is the conclusion of the ten-minute period for questions and comments.

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[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): Before recognizing the next Member, I have the honour to inform the House that a

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message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, without amendment.

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[English]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication:

Government House
Ottawa

April 5, 1984

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Brian Dickson, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 5th day of April, 1984, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Jacques Noiseux
Deputy Secretary
to the Governor General

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 45, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie)—Finance (a) Financial deficits of Atlantic Provinces. (b) Request that Minister initiate new grants program; the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman)—National Revenue (a) Reported confiscation of children's bank accounts. (b) Taxpayers' meeting at Aldergrove, B.C.; the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier)—Public Works—Use of municipal wastes to generate steam.