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Twist to Mr. Bumble: "Please, sir, can we have some more?" You cannot have it both ways.

We have this corporate agenda that believes in this mindless, blind following of the marketplace and the government has started to implement it with deregulating the airlines. At one time I can remember we had four national air carriers in this country. Now we have two that are limping along.

An hon. member: For now.

Mr. Rodriguez: For now. We have two that are limping along and telling us that they cannot make it.

We had a railway system in this country that was originally built by Sir John A. Macdonald to tie this country together from coast to coast. The government has decimated it. The boys and girls up there in the Transport Department were playing with their planes and their little toy airports. So rail passenger service in this country was killed and it is starting to build it back again.

We then started to privatize. The government removed itself from any responsibility for directing the post office. Now we are going to privatize and we are going to deprive every community of the presence of the federal government. We are going to privatize it.

An hon. member: Flags coming down.

Mr. Rodriguez: The government privatizes and deregulates. It deregulated the airlines and the financial sector. I had enough to say about that when we debated that bill on deregulation.

What is happening now, as I predicted, is that trust companies are all going to fall by the wayside. My colleague from Broadview—Greenwood said that the legislation of deregulating the financial institutions would bring more financial institutions into the business to lend money.

I want to say to him now what I said to him then. I see he is nodding his head and I can only take that as meaning he has seen the light. The veil has been removed from his eyes. What we have seen is that the trust companies are fast disappearing from the scene. You are going to have a couple of Sumo wrestlers tying on their sashes and getting ready to do global war. That is the nature of this government's approach.

I do not really see a difference between the people who sit across there and the ones who are hoping to replace them, the Liberal Party. There is really no difference.

One of the biggest crocks, I will put it bluntly, was brought in by that government in 1972. I see the member for Ottawa—Vanier sitting here and he will remember. When we wanted to give a break to the very, very wealthy Canadians we set up the trust fund system where they could protect their wealth by putting it into trusts for their sons and their sons' sons and their sons' sons' sons and their sons' sons' daughters and so on. They paid no tax at all on it, but that was only to be for 21 years. That 21-year rule is up. So what do the quasi-Liberals on the other side do? They are going to extend it. That is billions of dollars in there that not one penny of tax is paid on, while ordinary Canadians are crying because the stone of heavy taxation falls on them.

Who was it that allowed these corporations, the largest and most powerful corporations, to write off the costs of lobbying? The lobbyists are floating around Parliament Hill and companies hired them so they could twist the arms of members of Parliament and committee chairmen and bureaucrats. The cost of that is all written off against their income and, therefore, none of it gets taxed. The people who are paying the shot are paying for the corporations to hire their hit people to come up on the Hill to get them more and more benefits. Therefore, the corporations continue to pay less tax and the wealthy continue to pay less tax than ordinary folks.

I have another reason the government will not call an election. It is because government members are waiting for the cavalry to come over the hill. They are like Custer. They are surrounded and are waiting for the cavalry to come over the hill from south of the border to save them. They are hoping that the American economy will pick up and we will get caught in the updraft and we will go up with the flow.

That is another reason they will not. They are hoping the American economy is going to recover enough so that they can have a nice picture and be in a better position to have an election and that all the dynamics will be right, all the ambience will be there and it will see us riding again.