

### Supply

The proposals with respect to items which the House may vote upon are conveyed formally in these Estimates in the wording and amount of the Votes which, when included in Appropriation Acts, become the governing conditions under which the expenditures may be made . . . as far as possible, connected services appear together and all the Estimates for the services controlled by a particular Department are mainly grouped in the same class.

In other words, what is important here is that the items must be clearly set out in the Estimates and the grouping of any such items under a particular title or heading is immaterial.

In conclusion, I appreciate the points raised by Hon. Members yesterday, but after careful examination I must rule votes 26b and 27b under Industry, Trade and Commerce to be in order and properly before the House.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—CROWN CORPORATIONS

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition)** moved:

That this House condemns the Government for its deliberate proliferation of Crown corporations accountable to the Government rather than to Parliament and the taxpayers who, in the words of the Auditor General, "have every right to consider themselves the principal shareholders of these corporations", and instructs the Government to immediately introduce a Bill substantially the same as Bill C-27 in the Thirty-first Parliament so as to make such corporations properly accountable to the people.

**Madam Speaker:** Before we proceed with the Orders of the Day and since this is the final allotted day, the House will go through the usual procedures this evening to consider and dispose of the Supply Bill. It is usual practice to distribute the Bill ahead of time, and I would ask the consent of the House to do just that.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

&ws3308;1 **Mr. Clark:** Madam Speaker, the seconder of the motion and my seatmate from the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), along with several other Members of this House, served and fought in the Second World War. I have only read about that period in our history, but I know from my readings the way that nations prepared the state of mind of their people for sacrifice and suffering at home and to make them think the worst of their enemies away from home.

That same psychology is being used today deliberately by the Government of Canada in the face of our economic problems. The Government blames international forces which it says we must fight, but which it says we cannot control or really influence. It has mounted a propaganda campaign at home which asks pensioners to sacrifice, and it is pretending that the Canadian Government is doing everything it can to survive the problems it claims that other people have somehow created.

We in this House unhappily have become numbed to the reports of casualties—the bankruptcies, lay-offs, suicides, the

destruction of families. I am shocked, Mr. Speaker, that while I speak of destruction of families, while I speak of the tragedies that are caused by economic hardship in Sudbury and elsewhere in this country, some Members of this House are laughing. I am shocked at that kind of callous indifference to the plight of Canadians in deep trouble. To our shame, this House knows that in November 1,438,000 Canadians were out of work.

[Translation]

Another 379,000 Canadians are working part time because they were unable to find full-time employment. These figures do not include at least 130,000 people who have stopped looking for employment because there are simply no jobs available. From 1981 to 1982, bankruptcies in Canada's primary industry have increased by 58 per cent. In our manufacturing industry, the bankruptcy rate has increased by 77 per cent, in the service sector by 37 per cent and in the finance, insurance and real estate sectors, by 113 per cent.

Mr. Speaker, during the first ten months of 1982, farm bankruptcies totalled 344, an increase of 50 per cent over last year.

[English]

Everyone who travels in Canada knows that these figures simply yield shocking increases in break-ins, family violence, suicides, in the kinds of tension that can drive families and communities apart.

In the face of all of that, in the face of an obvious depression, family tensions, suicides, social problems and criminal problems whose like we have not seen before, what happens? What is the response of the Government of Canada? What is the policy of the Government of the richest nation in the world? The considered response of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) is to say that he is sorry, that it will probably get worse and that the Government has a policy—its Maginot line of six and five—that there is really nothing else that he can do. There is nothing he can do—as Minister of Finance in the richest country in the world!

Then his Leader, who walks out when the lights fail, sounds the bugle notes of patriotism, asking for trust, asking that the unemployed in Canada be patient. A plan like that will work only if it is true.

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The news this week from the Government's own policeman, the Auditor General, is that the Government has not been honest with Canadians. It has asked pensioners and unemployed Canadians to sacrifice, but it carries on itself, deliberately, with programs and practices which waste hundreds of millions of dollars and drive away investment and jobs.

From among all the extravagance that exists in this Government, the Auditor General has identified one area which he believes provides "significant opportunities for improvement". He says: