

accordance with the terms of my amendment we want the money placed in the old age security fund.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Chair has read the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce and is prepared to listen to arguments on its validity.

**Mr. Pennell:** It is my respectful submission, Mr. Speaker, that the amendment proposed by the hon. member is outside the prerogatives granted to private members. This amendment will affect the balance of ways and means. During the course of his argument the hon. member clearly indicated that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp) will find some way of spending this money. If I may use his words, he wanted to keep the government honest. Clearly, in his mind, this money was going to be spent by the Treasury Board. On his own explanation the amendment is clearly going to affect the balance of ways and means. It is my respectful submission, therefore, that the amendment is out of order. This amendment is moved by one who is not accountable for items of public expenditure, and I would ask you to so rule.

• (3:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Winkler:** In that regard, Mr. Speaker, if my words were not correct or if we have misinterpreted the purpose of the introduction of this measure, I am willing to apologize. However, we know what is the purpose of the measure; that has been made clear. What we want is to see the minister put the money in the proper fund. That was the purpose of the mini-budget and it is the reason this measure is before us. That was the statement of the minister himself. Yet he now informs us that the money will not go into that fund. I have stated our position.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I can see no reason that this amendment is not a proper one. It in no way interferes with ways and means. The amendment reads:

That Bill C-268 be not now read a third time but be referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions to the committee to amend the said bill to provide that all moneys raised by the increase in the levy of the Excise Tax Act as provided by the said bill shall be paid into the old age security fund for the purposes of meeting supplementary old age security payments—

I submit there is no interference whatever with the balance of ways and means. This is the reason the tax was imposed. The excuse given was that the moneys that were to be raised were to provide for the extra old age

*Excise Tax Act and Old Age Security Act* security payment. Surely the government is not going to impose a tax for one purpose and then use the revenue for another purpose. This is what the amendment is designed to prevent.

We have placed our arguments before the house over and over again. We pointed to the danger of the action that was being taken and to the snooper's paradise that was being created as a result of the action of the government. Everywhere across the nation there will be snoopers snooping. The old age pensioners are being harried by an avalanche of documents, forms, brochures and advertising. And this all because of the fact that the government has stubbornly refused to permit the payment of an extra \$25 a month to the old age pensioners of Canada, a measure which we in this party advocated.

Having brought in a tax which the minister stated was for the purpose of showing the people of Canada that they cannot get something for nothing, the government now wishes to use the money for other purposes. They extract money under one pretence and are going to use the money for another purpose. Surely, Mr. Speaker, this can in no way be justified.

I suggest to Your Honour that there is no interference with ways and means and that this amendment is a proper one. We know the waste that is taking place. The amount of advertising being placed across the country is unbelievable. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being wasted by a government that is using this measure for the sole purpose of pretending that those who pay this extra tax are providing the amount required for the supplementary payment to the old age pensioners when in point of fact the money is going to be placed in the general consolidated revenue fund.

If the people were of the opinion that money devoted to a certain purpose should go into the old age security fund, what possible objection could the government have? There is no interference at all with ways and means because the money would be paid. There is no direction in any way of the manner in which ways and means shall be applied. The government has said that the money derived from these extra taxes that are being mulcted out of the Canadian people will be used for the purpose of making the supplementary payment to the pensioners. Now, Mr. Speaker, having led the way clothed in the garments of political righteousness which they assumed in this connection and appealed to the people,