

*The Budget—Mr. Nystrom*

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame. Shame.

**Mr. Nystrom:** If they want to buy a house, they are going to be taxed on it.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, I have here a copy of a brief from the Canadian Real Estate Association, March, 1989. They are great friends of millionaire's row across the way. They say at page 42 that in 1988 they expect the price of a house to go up by \$7,800, and in Toronto the price of a house to go up by some \$13,000.

Mr. Speaker, no matter what you do with the Conservative Party, you are going to be taxed. In fact, if you vote Conservative you are going to be taxed. About the only thing that is not taxed in this House is the hot air that comes from across the way.

**An Hon. Member:** Hear, hear! It should be.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, the federal sales tax will cost the average family \$1,000 annually. This is a 9 per cent tax and it will be an inflationary, a very inflationary tax. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) said that the tax would raise the inflation rate by 3 per cent. We now have an inflation rate of 4.6 per cent, and with the federal sales tax, Mr. Speaker, we will have an inflation rate of between 7.6 and 8 per cent.

Mr. Speaker, this will add another \$10 billion to the federal Government's Budget. I know that if the rate of inflation goes up in this country, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, Mr. Crow, will decide to raise the bank rate again. That will make things even harder for the average family.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I said that this federal Budget will put a heavy tax burden on the average family.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, when you look at the Budget, you find out that the friends of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the friends of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) across the way, do not get hit very hard in extra taxes. I speak here of the big companies and the huge corporations in Canada.

[*Translation*]

There was an increase of only \$1 billion for big Canadian corporations. With this federal Budget, more than 80,000 profitable companies still won't pay taxes. Explain that to a poor person in Chicoutimi, living on an income of \$15,000, or to a family in Saskatchewan with an income of \$18,000. Where does the Budget brought down by the Minister of Finance leave us? It leave us with more than 80,000 profitable companies that do not pay tax at all.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I say this is the

[*English*]

biggest tax grab in the history of this country on the ordinary people of Canada. That is Conservative justice, that has always been Conservative justice. In fact, if you go back to 1984 and look at handouts to big companies in this country, we find out that one per cent of our Gross National Product went out to large companies in Canada. We find in 1989 it has gone up to 1.6 per cent of the Gross National Product. That is an increase of 60 per cent of the Gross National Product that goes out in grants, write-offs, hand-outs and welfare to the huge corporations in Canada. I say the time has come for the ordinary Canadian people to realize that and to realize when they are being ripped off by the Party across the way.

In addition, we still have rich people that are not paying taxes. In 1986, 6,250 Canadians with an income of over \$50,000 paid no tax at all.

**An Hon. Member:** Shame. Shame.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, as somebody in Montreal told me a few days ago, there is a Santa Claus. As far as the Tories are concerned, there is a Santa Claus for the rich and for big Canadian corporations, but not for the rest of the country.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, that is why I said earlier that this Budget gives us the big tax grab, the Tory tax grab, the biggest tax heist in the history of this country. But I am not surprised. When I go back over the record of the Conservative Party from 1984, I find that for the average family, that is, a poor family in this country earning \$24,000 a year, the tax increase went up. They have already had tax increases of 44 per cent. For a middle income family earning \$49,000 a year, the tax increase