

The Budget—Mr. Crosby

they are pleased because they believe it. I ask my hon. friend to bear with me. We both know that only time will tell, but we must remember the gas pipeline.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Hon. Member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby). Would the Hon. Member not agree, having said that he was fooled by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) when he was Minister of Energy with regard to the gas pipeline, that perhaps he is easily fooled? He was not only fooled on the gas pipeline to the Maritimes; he was fooled on the prebuild of the southern portion of the Alaska gas pipeline. He was fooled when the Conservatives voted with the Liberals. He was fooled on the six and five program when the Conservatives voted with the Liberals. He was fooled on the Bank Act when they voted with the Liberals on a number of amendments. We then found a year later Conservatives screaming, "Why are we not able to do those kinds of things, after having voted against NDP amendments which would have made those kinds of things possible?"

Could the Hon. Member enlighten us as to why he and his colleagues continue to fall for the promises of the Liberal Party when it comes to these kinds of issues? When will they smarten up and either stop falling for the promises or admit that when it comes to these issues they are one and the same and that is why the Hon. Member could not find anything to criticize in the budget?

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, if you will give me another 20 minutes and there is any mistake about my attitude on features of the budget, I could mention some points which I did not make as yet. One relates to the \$100 charitable donation

which is a tax measure that raises \$80 million. They put it in because they said that voluntary organizations and charities in Canada wanted them to do it. But they put it in to get \$80 million. That is the kind of fraud to which I am referring.

The Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie) asked a difficult question. I can only answer it for myself. I come to the Parliament of Canada loaded with good faith. I like to believe that the officers or the people who form the Government of Canada, when they rise in the House and present documents and papers, are entitled to some credibility or they would not be the Government of Canada. We have to face the fact that the people of Canada elected the Government of Canada. However unwisely, that was the result of the democratic process. I for one have to respect that democratic process. I realize that does not come easy to some Members of Parliament. There are those who want to throw out the democratic process and deny the majority the right to govern. I embrace the democratic process. I come here with good faith. I am prepared to listen to Government proposals and I am prepared to accord a measure of credibility. But as they say, once bitten twice shy. We have been bitten 16, 18 or maybe 116 times.

I just want to make one point. I was not fooled by the six and five. They did not fool me on the six and five. I knew what they were up to, and I have already covered that in my speech.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. It being six o'clock, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.