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Mr. Speaker, the support voiced by farmers, businessmen and women for the Wilson budget has convinced me that the direction chosen by our Government will turn out to be the best thing for Canada and Canadians.

The Budget will make it possible for hundreds of young Canadians to put what they have learned to good use by participating in Canada's economy through jobs in all economic sectors.

Incidentally, I would like to say a few words of greeting to a group of young Progressive Conservatives from the great riding of Argenteuil-Papineau who are visiting Ottawa today, who have renewed their support for the Government and who are always as enthusiastic in their show of confidence in the Progressive Conservative Party. Our young people are our hope for the future. I trust their critical faculties, but not those of the Hon. Members' opposite, when we are talking about the best possible measures to provide for their future.

[English]

USE OF STANDING ORDER 21

Mr. Speaker: May I just remind all Hon. Members that the use of the Standing Order 21 to make congratulatory statements is out of order.

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[Translation]

HUMAN RIGHTS

ABORTION

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, the Progressive Conservatives in Saskatchewan have taken a firm stand against voluntary termination of pregrancy. They have increased their grants to Pro-Life and put a freeze on grants to Planned Parenthood.

Today, the House will be considering second reading of a Private Member's Bill that is being used as a trial balloon, with the support of the Premier of Saskatchewan, Mr. Grant Devine. The Bill would make it compulsory for a woman to obtain the consent of her husband to have an abortion. Similarly, girls under 18 who are the victims of incest or rape will have to get their parents' consent or that of the courts to obtain a voluntary termination of pregnancy.

Mr. Speaker, this is a striking example of the Conservative attitude to women's rights. Since the 70's, women in Canada have been signing their own release for treatment and surgery. Does the House really believe that a teenage victim of incest is going to ask her father for permission to get an abortion? Is it not more likely that she will try to have her pregnancy terminated under conditions where hygiene and safety precautions leave much to be desired? Mr. Speaker, I do not want to denigrate the role of the husband, but if we insist that a woman must have his permission for a voluntary termination of pregnancy, I will start a national campaign to make it compulsory for a man to ask his wife's permission before getting a vasectomy treatment for venereal disease.

Mr. Speaker: I must advide the Hon. Member that her time has expired. The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom).

[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will recall that in the election campaign the Conservative Party campaigned across Canada saying jobs, jobs, jobs.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nystrom: In the Budget we see taxes, taxes, taxes, Mr. Speaker. In the campaign the Conservatives never told us about tax increases. They never told us about a gas tax. They never told us about the deindexing of pensions and family allowances. They never told us about deindexing the income tax exemption. In fact some critics go as far as to say that no member of the Government can be trusted, that no member of the Government can be believed. I would not go that far, Mr. Speaker.

There is at least one honest Tory, and that is the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie). You will recall before the campaign he said: "If we tell the people of Canada the truth, they would never vote for us".

Truer words were never spoken.

EMPLOYMENT

CO-OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS IN CREATING JOBS

Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, we hear the voice of doom from the opposition Parties on a daily basis condemning the Government for the harsh cuts to federal programs and the resulting job loss. We have been hearing that same story since November, Mr. Speaker. The real story is much different.

Since the time we formed the new Government over 200,000 new jobs have been created. In the month of April alone there were 89,000 new jobs.

Change is obviously a threatening concept to our Liberal and NDP friends. Job-creation programs from the past have not worked. The Government inherited an unacceptably high