

people whose livelihood ranges from living directly off the land to being involved in the most advanced space age technology.

The people of Churchill, of course, have the same problems as those experienced by other Canadians, namely, unemployment and inflation. This is especially so in the northern area of the province of Manitoba where transportation costs add considerably to the cost of construction projects and even the food all of us buy every day. The budget presented in this House will do very little for the citizens of the north. Our party has offered many suggestions during the course of this debate which would considerably improve the lot of all Canadians. I would have hoped that all parties in this House would have adopted them. However, I am amazed at the attitude of the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Lewis). This is the man who during the throne speech debate called for more action in the field of housing. He now says that the Conservative proposal to remove the sales tax on building materials would be the biggest bonanza in Canada for gouging developers.

Now, of course, we are used to extreme language from the hon. member for York South, so his latest inflammatory remarks do not shock us. But it is interesting to note the length to which he will go in order not to support a Conservative proposal no matter how meritorious. What he would do, he says, to deny this bonanza to gouging developers would be to rebate to the person who buys a house the tax on building materials that went into the construction of the house. I noticed that while he was saying it even some children in the parliamentary gallery were laughing. This would not only be a bureaucratic nightmare, as the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies) said, but it would be so difficult to administer that much of the revenue saved would be spent on administrative costs. It would be a totally useless exercise.

If conditions were such—and theoretical and empirical evidence suggest that they are not—that the developer would not pass on the tax reduction to the home buyer, then the NDP proposal would not make one iota of difference. There is nothing in that proposal to prevent a developer from raising the price of the home enough to offset any rebate that the home buyer would receive. The trouble with the position of the hon. member for York South is that elimination of the building materials' sales tax would reduce the cost of housing, increase construction and create jobs; so he cannot admit to being against it. At the same time, however, it is a Conservative proposal, so he cannot support it. Thus he finds himself in a quandary, and in his attempts to wiggle out of it he becomes ludicrous.

It is the same thing with sales taxes. Studies show that lower income groups pay a greater proportion of their income on sales taxes than higher income groups. But the hon. member for York South cannot support our proposal to eliminate sales taxes from all clothing because it would also eliminate taxes on all clothing of higher income groups. It is difficult to know whether to feel sorry for the members of the NDP or to be angry with them. Their fear to face the electorate is understandable. It is irritating, however, to sit in this House and note their mock pleasure at the latest budget.

*The Budget—Mr. Taylor*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member. I thank him and the five other hon. members who have participated in the debate in the last 55 minutes.

It being 5.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to section 7 of Standing Order 60, to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith the question necessary to dispose of the motion now before the House. The question is on the main motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Turner, Ottawa-Carleton) which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1750)

*(Division No. 13)*

YEAS

Messrs.

Allard	Davis	Herbert
Allmand	De Bané	Hopkins
Andras	Demers	Howard
Barnett	Dionne	Hymmen
Basford	Douglas	Isabelle
Beaudoin	Drury	Jamieson
Bécharé	Dubé	Jerome
Bégin (Miss)	Dupont	Knight
Benjamin	Dupras	Knowles
Blackburn	Duquet	(Winnipeg
Blais	Ethier	North Centre)
Blaker	Faulkner	Lachance
Blouin	Firth	Laflamme
Boisvert	Fleming	Lajoie
Boulanger	Fortin	Lalonde
Breau	Foster	Lambert
Brewin	Fox	(Bellechasse)
Broadbent	Gauthier	Lang
Buchanan	(Ottawa East)	Langlois
Caccia	Gendron	Laniel
Campbell	Gilbert	Laprise
Caouette	Gillespie	La Salle
(Charlevoix)	Gleave	Leblanc
Caron	Godin	(Laurier)
Chrétien	Goyer	LeBlanc
Clermont	Gray	(Westmorland-
Comtois	Guay	Kent)
Corbin	(St. Boniface)	Lefebvre
Corriveau	Guay (Lévis)	Leggatt
Côté	Guilbault	Lessard
Cullen	Haidasz	Lewis
Cyr	Harding	L'Heureux
Danson	Harney	Loiselle