

mous pressure on ordinary Canadians. Think about the last two weeks. Interest rates are rising, the cost of living is rising, and unemployment is rising. All of those things that bothered us for the last two or three years bottomed out and we are starting back in the direction of trouble.

What does this Government want to do? After watching back-benchers on the government side for four years, you see that the first impulse is to throw money at any problem they face, not money the Government has the courage to collect through taxes, but borrowed money, hidden money. They always choose to transfer the debt obligation to their children. They spend today to get re-elected and let the kids worry about paying it back. That is the kind of government we have had.

We have grand announcements in the budgets. We are going to have marvellous job creation in this country. I look at a leadership candidate for the Liberal Party of Canada. He has supposedly been in charge of the Special Employment Initiatives Program, \$150 million a year. Where does the money go when we finally get the data on the table? It does not go to Canadians who are unemployed. It is not distributed justly or equitably. It goes to Members of Parliament to hand out to their friends in their ridings, if they happen to be Liberal Members of Parliament. That is why the Government wants to borrow money and that is why it wants so much. It is facing an election. It wants to borrow money to create slush funds to ensure the election of Liberal Members of Parliament.

If there is any sense of fairness in Government back-benchers, any sense of commitment to this country on what is right for it instead of what is wrong, I urge Members opposite to stand in this House and vote for the amendment. Once in the life of this Parliament, just once, let them do what is best for Canada and not what they believe is best for the Liberal Party of Canada. That is what is at issue in this amendment. I urge that course of action upon them.

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Mr. Speaker, I have been in this House since 1979, much too long for some Members opposite, because every time they come here and demand more money without a sufficient accounting and without Members across the way doing their duty to their constituents, I will stand up and object again and again. Government Members have been before us seven times in the last year demanding billions of dollars, every dollar of which comes out of the hide of ordinary Canadians who are very much pressed when trying to maintain their families, keep their children in school and carry on. There is simply no way that Government Members are going to get this money. They might as well bring in the closure motions and oppress the people once again because they are not going to get it with any consent.

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If government Members were to reduce the amount of \$29.55 billion to something that they could rationally convince us the Government needs for the more legitimate dimensions

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of its spending, then of course we would be prepared to sit and listen to that and approve of a Bill which was within limits. As my colleague said, the \$29.55 billion is simply not relevant to the needs of the Government today. It has \$8.1 billion in cash in the bank right now and it has the authority to raise by this Friday an additional half a billion dollars. Therefore, it has more than enough to get it through to June.

Come June, there will be a new leader on the government side and there will very likely be an election. The new government which will come in after that election should then have to face the reality and expose to the Canadian people the true facts about the financial bankruptcy of the Government on the opposite side.

However you cut it, Mr. Speaker, it returns to the ordinary Canadians. When the Government brings on inflation with these massive deficits, that impacts on senior citizens with fixed incomes far more dramatically than it does on the rest of us who might have a bit of land and who have indexed salaries that go up every year. It impacts on the poor who never have an opportunity to escape their plight. The inflation has resulted in post-secondary educational costs rising so that young people are even having to give up on the expectation of going to university.

How can a young man ever hope to purchase a farm today, Mr. Speaker? The inflation brought on by the Liberal Government has affected land as much as anything else and has driven the price of land well beyond its productive capacity. One might say that if the property is valued at more than its productive capacity, why not buy it and extend the payments for 15 or 20 years rather than 10 years. Oh, no, the Government does not want that to happen. It stepped in with its forward averaging and its blocks on rollovers so that no one can buy that land. Even within one's own family, those payments can only be extended for 10 years. I know from my own family farm experience that, based on the productivity of the land, those payments must be extended at least 18 years in order to purchase that land and still be able to pay income taxes on the income derived from it.

The Government has blocked the young people of Canada. Any farmer who votes Liberal in the next election is voting for a noose around his own neck. Six times now government Members have imposed taxes on fuels that are used by farmers. There are six individual taxes on energy. Every acre of land, amounting to hundreds of acres throughout the country, must be driven over at least five times every year. That includes the working of the land before seeding, the spraying for weeds, the swathing, the harvesting and the post-harvesting work. Every acre must be driven over that many times and every gallon of fuel has had six individual taxes imposed upon it by the Liberal Government. I say that any farmer who votes Liberal is putting a noose around his neck and that is absolutely true.

Any senior citizen who votes for the Liberal Party is voting for absolute poverty in the last few years of his life. With an inflation rate of 3 per cent or 4 per cent, it takes 12 to 15 years before a pension of \$1,000 has dropped to \$500. However,