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summer help at the Dairy Queen, help paid for by the taxpayers, as the new example of Conservative privatization, this at a time when the Ontario Museums Association is being told that it cannot hire summer curators because the museums are currently receiving money from municipal Governments, and that means that they are only eligible for the difference between the municipal sector contribution and the minimum wage. If someone is working in a museum in Ontario, he or she is only worth the minimum wage, but if he or she is working at the Dairy Queen, that is the kind of private sector summer job that the Conservative Government feels should be supported and supported in spades.

I am frustrated, Mr. Speaker. I am frustrated because the Government was supposedly elected to consult. I hardly consider it consultation not have literally dozens of job programs plopped on my desk with six hours in which to analyse them and tell the Government to go ahead with them.

I say that the Government should rethink the Katimavik program. It was a program which clearly demonstrated—the Hon. Member shakes his head and laughs because it was a Liberal program. After all, no Liberal program could be a good program. Of necessity it had to be a bad program. Who on the Conservative side cares that 20,000 young Canadians had a chance to experience that program at a cost of only \$10,000 per person? We would prefer to spend \$38,000 to hire a couple of dog catchers in the City of Burlington and call that Conservative job creation.

Mr. Blenkarn: Burlington has a lot of dogs.

Ms. Copps: I am sure Burlington has a lot of dogs and a couple of them are elected here to the House of Commons.

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Ms. Copps: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that if that type of interjection carries on, we are going to get more of the same.

There are people who are extremely concerned about the Government's direction and who believe that job creation is a little more than a \$4 per hour job working as a clerk for the Oshawa group stacking grocery shelves or working at the Dairy Queen. If that is this Government's idea of a summer job creation program and a summer experience for young people, then I say that the Government is in very difficult straits because it does not understand that the young people want an opportunity to experience life and to have a chance to build for future careers. They want the kind of experience that was given to them through Katimavik and which has been denied by a Government that is so wedded to the credo of privatization that it is prepared to accept the Dairy Queen over Katimavik. I think that is a national disgrace.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo)—Social Security—Processing of applications for Guaranteed Income Supplement. (b) Request for ministerial guarantee; the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway)—Criminal Code—Bomb threat hoaxes—Request for stiffer penalties; the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan)—The Disabled and the Handicapped—Effect of Budget measures. (b) Situation of the handicapped—Government position.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

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MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mrs. McDougall that Bill C-99, An Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee, and the amendment of Mr. Deans (p. 11570).

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to expound further on the desire of the Government to sell the Budget and the borrowing Bill to the public of Canada. When the Government came to power, one of its promises was to do something about the tax system. It promised tax reform. There has not been one word in the Budget about tax reform, but the Government said that it would simplify the tax system and reduce the deficit, thereby reducing the need to borrow. If that tax reform had been brought in early in the life of this Government, then we would not have the great deficit that exists and we would not be debating the borrowing Bill.

If anything, the Budget increases the complexity of the tax system. I must say that it goes against the promises that Government Members made before they came to power. A simpler tax system has not appeared. It is no wonder that Government Members are trying to sell fairy tales about a simpler tax system, a deficit that is going away and an economy that is changing for the better.

Conservative Members promised a fair Budget and they are telling the world that they have a fair Budget. Fairness in taxation is, in the minds of most people, usually equated with progressive taxation. Perhaps we have to teach this lesson more often than we have in the past. Progressive taxation