

*Government Orders*

Tories, after having said they would not alter the transfer formula, have done so. They cut it by 2 per cent in 1986, they cut it by 1 per cent in 1989-90, and they froze the formula in 1990-91. This bill freezes it for another two years. If one takes the total effect of the current Tory decisions on the transfer formula from 1986 to 1995, there will be almost \$9 billion fewer dollars transferred to the provinces for post-secondary education.

I want to ask the member for Cape Breton Highlands—Canso: What is the unemployment rate in his area and what effect will this reduced amount of money going to his province for post-secondary education have on the unemployed students? As he knows the higher the students are educated, the greater their opportunities of obtaining employment and keeping employment; the lower education of course, the less opportunity. What impact will such a bill have on the students entering post-secondary education in his province?

**Mr. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso):** I would like to thank my colleague for that question. In the part of Nova Scotia where I live, the unemployment rate is in the neighbourhood of 20 per cent and in some places much higher. That is the official unemployment rate. The actual unemployment rate is probably much greater.

To the precise question asked, the reduction in equalization and transfers to post-secondary education are already having an effect. They are having an effect by forcing universities in Nova Scotia to raise their tuition fees beyond those in other parts of Canada. They have tuition fees that are the highest in the country and they are making it more and more difficult for students from our area, where their parents are very often unemployed, to attend university to pursue higher education and to prepare themselves for decent well paying jobs in Nova Scotia or elsewhere in Canada.

They are having a very detrimental and immediate impact in my area.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It being 6.32 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 45(6), the House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred division on the motion at second reading stage of Bill C-61, an act to provide borrowing authority for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1992.

**BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1992-93****MEASURE TO ENACT**

The House resumed from Friday, February 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-61, an act to provide borrowing authority for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1992, be read the second time and referred to Legislative Committee E.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

*(Division No. 110)*

**YEAS**

## Members

Andre	Atkinson
Beatty	Belsher
Bertrand	Bjornson
Blackburn (Jonquière)	Blais
Bienkarn	Bosley
Boyer	Brightwell
Browes	Cadieux
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)	Cardiff
Chadwick	Champagne (Champlain)
Charest	Chartrand
Clark (Yellowhead)	Clark (Brandon—Souris)
Cole	Collins
Cook	Cooper
Corbett	Côté
Couture	Darling
DeBlois	de Cotret
Della Noce	Desjardins
Dick	Dobbie
Dommm	Dorin
Duplessis	Edwards
Epp	Fee
Feltham	Ferland
Fontaine	Friesen
Gibeau	Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Guilbault	Gustafson
Halliday	Harvey (Chicoutimi)
Hawkes	Hicks
Hockin	Hogue
Holtmann	Horning
Hudon	Hughes
Jacques	Jeiinek
Johnson	Joncas
Kempling	Koury
Landry	Langlois
Larrivée	Layton
Lewis	Loiselle
MacDougall (Timiskaming)	MacKay
Marin	Mayer
Mazankowski	McDermid
McDougall (St. Paul's)	McKnight
McLean	Merrithew
Monteith	Moore
Nicholson	Oberle
O'Kurlley	Plourde
Pronovost	Redway
Reimer	Ricard
Richardson	Robitaille
Roy-Arcelin	Saint-Julien
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Shields	Siddon
Sobeski	Soetens
Sparrow	Stevenson
Thacker	Thompson