

the minister agree to release the studies conducted by its department and table them in the House?

Hon. Marcel Massé (President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Public Service Renewal, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, we currently have action plans with eight provinces and two territories to reduce duplication. Over the last year, we signed 64 agreements with the provinces and the territories and they are all public. Consequently, we have no problem with letting the opposition marvel at such achievements.

• (1500)

By September 12, 1994, eight agreements had been concluded with Quebec. Of course, there have not been any since, but we continue to use money to reduce duplication and overlap. We do not talk about it: We do it.

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[English]

PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY

The Speaker: I wish to draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in the gallery of the hon. Wayne Adams, Minister of Supply and Services of the province of Nova Scotia.

With him today is the hon. Ross Bragg, Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism of the province of Nova Scotia.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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POINTS OF ORDER

COMMENTS IN CHAMBER

Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon, NDP): Mr. Speaker, I should like to clarify a statement I made earlier today. When I referred to a very strong and respect Indian leader in Yukon I had meant to say Elijah Smith and inadvertently said the late Elijah Harper.

I certainly express my regrets to the hon. member for Churchill for having made that error. I am reminded of Shakespeare's statement that we come to praise Caesar, not to bury him. I express my regrets to the member.

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WAYS AND MEANS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Douglas Peters (Secretary of State (International Financial Institutions), Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), I wish to table a notice of a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act, and I ask that an order of the day be designated for consideration of the motion.

Supply

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY—DEFICIT ELIMINATION

The House resumed consideration of the motion.

Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, 12 years ago a Boeing 767 flying from Montreal to Edmonton nearly crashed over northwestern Ontario. This near tragedy was not a result of a mechanical failure or a powerful prairie thunderstorm. It simply ran out of gas.

In its statement the airline placed the blame for this emergency on human error involved in converting the fuel measurement from imperial to metric amounts. It was only the skill of the pilot that manoeuvred the drifting aircraft to a safe landing. At 30,000 feet refuelling is no longer an option. The fate of the passengers lay in the hands of leadership. Interestingly enough the airline was Air Canada.

• (1505)

Canada as a nation is like that aircraft. Our ship of state is in trouble, not because of some internal mechanical malfunction but because of human error.

The world has changed to a new competitive economy. The rules have changed but our ground crew still does not know how to make the conversion. After two decades of human error air Canada is drifting. Our financial reserves are empty and Canadians, the passengers, are deeply concerned about their future and safety. The only problem is that at this moment the incompetent ground crew is still flying the aeroplane.

Each one of us knows that personal security is vitally important to Canadians. Ours is a compassionate society. We all want to know that our friends, families, neighbours and ourselves will be taken care of during times of need. Yet somehow after 30 years of ballooning government spending on social programs we have been left with less security rather than more. Why is this so?

Let me save the suspense by answering my own question. Canadians feel more insecure now than ever before because government overspending has robbed them of their personal security. The welfare state has failed. Just as communism and socialism crumbled after a 75-year experiment, our own 25-year social digression has come to a painful conclusion.

Canadians are beginning to realize that the welfare state is not working and that it is time to re-evaluate the government's role in providing social security to individuals. The greatest single danger to the personal security of Canadians comes from the