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work at Stephens-Adamson in Belleville want me to support this Bill when the federal Government had a contract of some \$20 million which could have gone to them? They were the lowest bidder and the only company in the world capable of building the equipment. I am sure Mr. Speaker remembers the contract because we spent a lot of time on it in the House. It was for the major coal project in British Columbia. The Government, in its wisdom, gave the contract to the Japanese. Why would these people want me to vote for this piece of legislation?

Why would farmers in the largely rural area of Prince Edward-Hastings want me to support this Bill? Over the past two to three years there has been a major winterkill of fruit trees. For example, one farmer lost 8,000 cherry trees at one crack, and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) has done absolutely nothing to help him get back on his feet. Producers of tomatoes, a major cash crop in the area, are being beset by Government-subsidized tomatoes imported from Italy. They are coming in at \$2 to \$2.50 per case under the cost of producing them in Canada, and the Government does nothing about it. Many farmers in the area are having difficulty meeting their payments. The Farm Credit Corporation tells us that they are underfunded and that it is not able to help. Why would the farmers in my area want me to vote for this particular piece of legislation?

Why would young people who have to work during the summer to obtain enough money for their education want me to vote for this Bill? The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission has put into place what it calls Regulation 16, which means that every small piece of work young people are able to obtain has to be accounted for, that they have to have Social Insurance Numbers, and that deductions have to be made. In past years young people who worked for less than \$250 for less than 25 days did not have those deductions. Now employers, such as the people who grow strawberries and other soft fruits, will find that they have to double and triple their paperwork in order to have young people helping them with their crops this summer. Why would young people want me to support this Bill?

Why would the shoe factories and the needle trades in the area which have received absolutely no support or protection from the Government want me to support this particular Bill? Why would children, the aged or retired public servants, all of whom are forced to abide by the 6 per cent and 5 per cent regime, want me to support this Bill? We know that the federal Government has something like a 9 per cent to 13 per cent increase in its expenditures. Why would any of these people want to support this particular Bill?

At this point I want to make a suggestion, one of which Mr. Speaker will be particularly aware. The Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) made a comment just the other day that in the budget the House of Commons is holding its increase in expenditures down to 5 per cent. The point he made was well-taken. If we really took a hard run at it, we could keep our increases to less than 5 per cent, yet we find

that the federal Government in total is not capable of keeping its expenditures below 9 per cent to 12 per cent.

Mr. Blenkarn: And even 17 per cent.

Mr. Ellis: Indeed, even 17 per cent, as the Hon. Member for Mississauga South just said. Why would the students at Loyalist College in the Belleville area support this Bill? These students are attending the only course in North America—not just in Hastings County, not just in Ontario, not just in Canada, but in North America—where they can learn to handle the new Government technology on Telidon. We saw in the newspapers the other day that the federal Government will now spend \$24 million in advertising the new Telidon technology, yet when those young people graduate from that course, well-trained in this technology, there is not a job to be found. Out of the first course about half of the students found employment; out of the second, none; and the third course is now going in and there are no jobs to handle this technology.

Why would marina operators advocate my support of this Bill? In my area there is a tremendous tourist industry, yet there is a marina operator on the north shore of Prince Edward County who asked for a small business investment grant, a program of this Government, but was told he could not have it because he, very wisely as a businessman, wanted to buy only good used equipment. No, he could not have it for that; he would have to buy new equipment. Why would he want me to support this Bill? Another businessman who was interested in a small craft harbours grant to open the entrance to his harbour was told in 1980 that he would have it in 1982. In 1982 he was told that he may have it in 1985-86. Why would tourist operators or marina operators in my constituency want me to support this Bill?

Why would the truckers in this area want me to support this Bill? After all, Maislin Transport received a shot in the arm of some \$34 million a short while ago. None of the trucking companies in my constituency, no matter how hardpressed they are for work or how many employees they have laid off, are receiving any support from the federal Government.

I could go on and on and on, but my time is running out. I just named a few people in my area who might benefit by the largesse of the federal Government, which will spend on behalf of those people \$250 million in ordinary spending and some \$80 million in deficit spending. It seems to me that there is little or no justification for this when the people of Prince Edward-Hastings cannot benefit from it. I will tell the House who benefits from it. It is the friends of the federal Government. If this Party digs in its heels and asks for some real accounting on this Bill, it will be true justice.

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House of Commons today to speak to the amendment to Bill C-143, a Bill to borrow \$19 billion. In particular I am speaking to the amendment which requests that the Bill go to committee so that the Members of the House, the people of Canada and I will know what is going on