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industries have stated that since this infamous budget proposition has been brought down, the proposition emanating, not from the Parti Québécois, but from the whole National Assembly, would aid these sectors and stimulate and aid the economy and employment outside the province of Quebec just as easily as it would inside the province. So why, I ask, did you vote against the proposition, why did the Minister of Finance in announcing his original budgetary measures, since this whole matter is within provincial jurisdiction, not just announce a global, general policy and let the provinces, considering that the sales tax matter is within provincial jurisdiction, apply their priorities according to what was going on? Why did there have to be confrontation with the province of Quebec, when the government was flexible enough to accommodate British Columbia and Saskatchewan?

I can tell you what is going to happen after today; there will be some proposition worked out with the minister of finance of Quebec, then the government will give the province of Quebec the money, one way or another, God knows how. Quebec will then go ahead and do what it did in the first place, namely, abolish taxes within the traditional areas of textiles, et cetera. Why did you not cooperate in the first place?

An hon. Member: With the separatists?

Mr. Grafftey: "With the separatists." How sad it is to hear that! I will tell you why. This is not merely one isolated case, Mr. Speaker; this is the end result of ten years of confrontation. The government never expected to defend this terrible policy on the floor of the House of Commons. Once again it is devising a policy for Quebec and another policy for the rest of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Grafftey: They wanted to go to the people in an election, to inflame the national unity debate and confront Quebec with one policy for English Canada in English and another policy in French Canada in French and, thereby, divide and rule this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Grafftey: The government did not expect to have to defend this matter on the floor of the House of Commons. They wanted to use it for short-term votes in an election to prove that their Prime Minister was still the indispensable saviour of a union which he has done so much to destroy. The chickens have come home to roost. For the first time in ten years, French-speaking Canadians and English-speaking Canadians have caught the government at its own game. It never expected to have to defend this policy on the floor of the House of Commons, and what is it doing? It is proposing closure. It is saying "we don't want to hear any more; we don't want to stand up to the truth." So, the gutless Prime Minister, who did not have the guts to call an election, and the gutless Minister of Finance say, "We don't want to hear the truth, we don't want to hear this spoken about, we're going to bail out now with closure." This is arrogance and stupidity, the like of which I have never seen before, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Grafftey.]

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Algoma (Mr. Foster)—Indian Affairs—Funding for post-secondary education; the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen)—Fisheries—Closing of Swiftsure Bank on west coast; the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt)—Fisheries—U.S. ban on sport fishing in American waters.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOTMENT OF TIME TO CONSIDER BILL C-56 ON SECOND
READING

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien:

That, in relation to Bill C-56, an act to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to authorize payments related to provincial sales tax reductions, one sitting day shall be allotted to the further consideration of the second reading stage of the said bill; and

That at fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business in such sitting, any proceeding before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this order and, in turn, every question the necessary in order to dispose of the second reading stage of the bill shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 5.15 o'clock p.m., the two hours allotted for the consideration of the motion now before the House pursuant to Standing Order 75C have expired. Accordingly, under the terms of the Standing Order, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings at this time and put every question necessary to the House to dispose of the motion.

[*Translation*]

The question is on the motion of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.