

tell you what others have said about this Bill, people who definitely do not have a political axe to grind.

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[English]

Mr. Speaker, let me quote from sources who you will have no doubt are non-partisan, in case you mistakenly thought that I was partisan.

Chief Justice Brian Dickson of the Supreme Court said in an interview with *The Globe and Mail*:

Please do not choke off the funding of universities. Canada must have good universities with outstanding teachers and world-class research facilities.

Those are the words of our Chief Justice. I could go on to quote from other people who also thought that the funding that we transfer to our provinces should not be cut off. Let me read the following:

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I quote:

The only sign it shows of cutting spending is by shifting the burden of the established programs funding on to the provincial governments. The provinces are now moving into a deficit position, a position which will make it more difficult for them to finance this shift in spending . . . That is not co-operative federalism. That is predatory federalism, and it will not and cannot work in this country.

Mr. Speaker, do you know whom I just quoted? The present Minister of Finance, who on March 23, 1982, when he was in the Opposition, said those words. Mr. Speaker, what happened since then? What happened to the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) to bring about a conversion, a total reversal in his thinking?

[English]

Let me read what the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), when he was in opposition, said on March 24, 1982, as reported at page 15774 of *Hansard*. He said:

Taking the action of unilaterally cutting the financing, which the government is now proposing, and then having some discussions with the provinces, surely puts the cart before the horse. We should be reversing this procedure.

It is almost unbelievable that the Minister of Finance has done exactly what he said should never be done. As a matter of fact, he has done even worse because he did not even consult with the provinces. It is true that he lent them an ear, just as he lends an ear to opposition Members of the House. But it is a futile effort.

This is the third time I have had to rise in the House to attempt, as best I can, to convince the Government of Canada that what it wants to do is wrong. One would think that after being told three times, it would understand. One would think that after all other opposition Members have told the Government that what it is doing is wrong, that it would understand. However, that is not the case.

Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act

Let me explain the effects of Bill C-96 on the province which I have the honour and privilege to represent in the House.

[Translation]

The Province of Ontario will lose \$114 million in 1986-87 if Bill C-96 is adopted by the House. The loss would amount to \$243.4 million in 1987-88, and \$387.5 million in 1988-89. The figures keep going up year after year. Is it any wonder, Mr. Speaker, that the Members of Ontario would stand up in this House to object to this Bill? No, Sir, no wonder. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, I must say that the Members of Ontario, particularly Government Members who do not rise in the House today are neglecting their constituents by failing to make the same kind of representations we are making before you this afternoon.

[English]

I am sure the House will recall that the Tories made several promises during the election campaign. In fact, they made 338 promises and I happen to have a booklet entitled "338 Tory Promises", appropriately enough. Most of these promises have been broken by now, as I am sure you will understand, Mr. Speaker, since you had to listen to them as I did during the election campaign. Being the non-partisan person you are, you probably found those promises very objectionable, as I did.

I am sure you may want to read through the "338 Tory promises" to familiarize yourself with them and, if you so desire, I am quite willing to give you or any Canadian a copy of the book "338 Tory Promises", which is free for the asking, of course.

Page 15 of the book of promises concerns government processing. I am sure that the cabinet Minister who is heckling will recall—

Mrs. Finestone: He is uncomfortable.

Mr. Boudria: As the distinguished Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) says, he is uncomfortable. He ought to be uncomfortable after renegeing on commitments which he made to the people of Canada.

Let me read some of the promises that relate to funding. Promise no. 7 is to recognize the legitimate role on jurisdiction of the provinces in economic and social policy issues. How can the provinces possibly fulfil that role without money? Perhaps the Hon. cabinet Minister opposite will stand in his place and explain how the provinces can deliver social services without money.

Mrs. Finestone: And without consultation.

Mr. Boudria: Without consultation too, as the Member for Mount Royal very appropriately says.

Let me read some of the promises concerning social programs. The Tories said that they would maintain programs to help Canadians through economic crises. Those of us who represent areas dependent on textiles and so on, as you and I do, Mr. Speaker, know that with the abolition of the CIRB