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erals are still planning on sending billions of dollars overseas while cutting programs for Canadians.

I thought it would be interesting to go through the budget and the estimates for this year and take a look at the areas where spending is actually rising. The result is quite interesting and I would like to share my findings with the House.

Spending by the Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation will rise by about 70 per cent from last year to \$17.5 million. The Canadian Museum of Civilization will receive 22 per cent more, bringing the total to \$46.2 million. The Canadian Museum of Nature's budget goes up by 33 per cent to almost \$25 million. The National Gallery of Canada gets a 23 per cent increase to bring its budget to over \$33 million. The list continues. The National Museum of Science and Technology gets a 25 per cent increase to \$20.5 million. The Status of Women Co-ordinator gets a—wow—322 per cent increase to \$15.2 million. I know that farm women do not support that increase to the budget for the status of women.

The increase to the Immigration and Refugee Board, \$11 million. Perhaps it is to install more hidden cameras. This is very interesting. The finance department gets a \$9.7 billion increase. With a bigger deficit and a bigger debt comes a bigger finance department. That is a real reward for incompetence.

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal receives a \$500 million increase. The Federal Office Regional Development Quebec, \$34 million; the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, \$38,000; the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, \$121 million. Maybe he will be able to buy some more extravagant furniture with the increase in his budget.

National Health and Welfare is receiving an extra \$321 million. It is spending more money while services are eroding. The Medical Research Council, \$2 million; Statistics Canada, \$5.5 million; the justice department \$500,000; Indian and northern affairs, \$285 million. That one year's increase is equal to a six-year Crow transition fund. It is just appalling. The Federal Judicial Affairs Commissioner, \$1 million; the Tax Court of Canada, \$180,000; the Atomic Energy Control Board, \$165,000.

The Senate of Canada, \$1,000. It actually gets an increase and its members do not even show up for work most days. The Privy Council Department, \$4.5 million. More money for the people who brought us the Fowler-Doyle affair. The Canadian Intergovernmental Secretariat, \$250,000; the National Round Table on Environment and the Economy is a new agency and its entire \$3.3 million budget is new spending. The security intelligence review committee, \$6,000, more money to reward recent poor performance; the correctional service, \$50 million; the RCMP, \$10 million; the RCMP external review committee, \$91,000; civil aviation tribunal, an extra \$15,000; Treasury Board Secretariat, an extra \$32 million; western economic diversification, an extra \$26 million.

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All of this is new spending. Those departments and agencies are all having their budgets increased while farmers are taking it in the neck. It is not fair.

Overall government spending has moved up since the Liberals took power. In 1993-94 total government spending was \$158 billion. The Liberals came to power. In 1994-95 it was \$160.3 billion. That is an increase. This year in the budget it is projected to be \$163.5 billion. Spending is increasing. It is not decreasing despite some of the spin doctor campaigns that the Liberals are promoting to say that they are reducing the deficit and cutting spending. They are actually increasing spending.

The government has sent a clear message that it feels special interest groups, business subsidies, regional patronage handouts and foreign aid are all more important than the agriculture sector. The budget is nothing more than a raid on the income of hard working Canadians so the Liberals can continue to fund their pet projects with \$1 billion of additional tax revenues to help them along.

The budget is a failure. It fails to get Canada off the debt treadmill. It fails to demonstrate that we can avoid hitting the wall. We are already seeing the ill effects of the budget in the value of our currency. The U.S. dollar is plummeting versus other international currencies and our dollar is losing ground to the Americans. The Canadian peso, as it is becoming known, is at constant risk and interest rates may rise because of the weak budget.

It is interesting that the minister of public works is planning to issue a \$2 coin. It indicates how little value our currency holds. Soon a coke machine will require a two buck piece for a can of the real thing. The coke will know doubt be more real than the money we use to buy it.

In an effort to prevent a rout on the Canadian dollar and a decrease in our credit rating, the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister and other members of cabinet have been trotting around the world trying to convince our creditors that we are still a good credit risk. The very fact that our status is in question demonstrates the seriousness of the problem caused by the government and its Liberal and Conservative predecessors.

The best way to sum up the budget is to read a poem written by Dr. John Robson. The poem is based on *Casey at the Bat* by Earnest Lawrence Thayer. Dr. Robson apologizes to Mr. Thayer for sullyng his poem by including Liberals in it. I would like to read the poem to the House. It is called *Marty at the Bat*.