were many problems. I suppose members of the New Democratic Party take one side, that is, the side of the striker. They never think what cost that might put upon Canada Post or who should pay for it.

Mr. Parry: There has not been a strike in the corporation.

Mr. Holtmann: That is right. They have supported Crown corporations, and now the Hon. Member is almost condemning a Crown corporation. One must wonder, even with regard to the Canada Post Corporation, on what side of the fence Members of the NDP sit. In this case they condemn a Crown corporation. They also condemn us for doing away with some of them. However, with regard to Crown corporations in Manitoba, they are thinking of closing some of them down themselves. Did you know that, Madam Speaker? The New Democratic Party Government in Manitoba is thinking of closing some post offices because they are losing money, not making money.

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It is difficult to understand from where the Member is coming. He says that we should condemn the proposed 2 cent increase. If the Canada Post workers went on strike tomorrow I would like to know where the Member thinks Canada Post could get the money to pay a 5 per cent increase, if that is what they went for. Where would the money come from, other than going to the people of Canada telling them to pay a little more for stamps? From where does the Hon. Member think the money will come? He, though, would be standing on the workers side. He would be saying: "We don't care where it comes from, just give them the money."

In the last five to 10 years the federal Government under the Liberal regime deficited everything. Everything was deficited, deficited and deficited until we ended up with a deficit of about $180 billion. I would like the Hon. Member to know that when people voted for a change in 1984, they voted for us to get the deficit reduced. That is why both opposition Parties were left in shambles with only 70 seats. Let me remind the Hon. Member that we are acting as prudently as we can in trying to help Canadians achieve something for our future generations. We do not want to leave them with a tremendous burden.

We know that the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre went on a one-man crusade from coast to coast on behalf of his Party. Sometimes there were only five people at his meetings. I do not recall once reading about this great crusade. Further, the Member who has proposed the motion sits on the Standing Committee on Government Operations, and rather than bringing forward the positive suggestions he has gained from this one-man crusade he condemns. We have heard him say: "I hate those supermailboxes." But he does not suggest how they could be fixed, he just condemns them. I think I once heard his leader say "What the Government ought to do—", but I have yet to hear the Member say what Canada Post ought to do. All we hear is condemnation and that is opposition mentality. The New Democrats will be in that position for a long time because they do not know how to think offensively and positively.

Mr. Nystrom: We know how to think offensively.

Mr. Holtmann: Where is the New Democratic Party's plan for Canada in every area, Madam Speaker? Where is the New Democrats plan for the Canada Post Corporation and where are their plans for Canada? Where are they? Do you know when they will come out? They will come out about two months before the next election. The New Democrats will have a think tank and will have a moral victory on their plan which will be the most exciting thing that Canadians have ever heard of. We will be waiting, waiting and waiting for this wonderful plan.

Today we are debating a motion. We have powers to do something because the Minister referred Canada Post's problem to the committee and the Member from Winnipeg North Centre sits on that committee. He has the option of giving direction along with his other colleagues. Since the committee has sat, we have had 57 Members who have brought forth points of view. That is democracy in action.

We have been asked to report to the House and to bring forward some substantial ideas. But the Member from Winnipeg North Centre could not wait. Today he had to bring forward something of his own thinking, part of which is to condemn the proposed 2 cent increase in postage. He does not know from where Canada Post will get more revenue tomorrow. Then, "we will improve service". In nearly every area in which there will be some change in Canada Post, he suggests that we stop it. He has never provided an alternative plan, which is typical of the Member's Party. His Party has no alternatives. All the New Democrats want to do is condemn. They condemn the Government today just because that is opposition thinking.

Mr. Nystrom: The people of Canada do too.

Mr. Holtmann: I do not know whether the Member knows what is going to happen tomorrow. He is hoping that he can find something else that he and his colleagues can condemn our Government for. When you get right down to it, Madam Speaker, he has not fooled a lot of Canadians. His one-man team from coast to coast on behalf of his Party did not bring forth one substantial recommendation, not in this House. The Member for Winnipeg North Centre is the official postal critic for his Party. The critic from the Liberal Party, the Hon. Member for Gander—Twillingate (Mr. Baker) set forth a tone and a problem. The Member from Winnipeg North Centre followed right behind him. He is not sure who he should follow anymore. This kind of action does not bring forth good thought for the committee, the committee of which I am in charge. The Member is charged to act responsibly. Our committee intends to bring forward some recommendations to this House. I