

Let us look at the impact of Bill C-62, the Conservative plan, in terms of people's income, comparing the GST and income tax burdens needed to raise the \$18.5 billion the Minister says he needs. This would come from one-earner couples with two children. With an income of \$20,000 the GST would take \$695 while under income tax it would take \$70. For an income of \$30,000, \$1,405 from the GST, \$747 from income tax, about half. At \$45,000 it would be \$2,475 under the GST, \$2,303 under the income tax system.

Mr. McDermid: What does the MST take from them now?

Mr. Fulton: They are pretty sensitive, Mr. Speaker. Sixty thousand dollars income, it would be \$3,115 under the GST, \$3,953 under income tax.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. Minister of Finance on a point of order.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): I just wanted to point out to you, Mr. Speaker, I am sure you recognize this, that this is terribly, terribly misleading. They do not point out the fact that there is existing sales tax that is already being paid and they do not point out that there is a GST credit that reduces the amount of GST net that the individual taxpayer pays. This is terribly misleading.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is a point of debate. The hon. member for Skeena has the floor. The hon. member for Mission—Coquitlam.

Ms. Langan: Mr. Speaker, that really was not a point of order and I hope that the member for Skeena will have the time added to his time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The member for Skeena always has the time added to his time. The hon. member for Skeena has the floor for two minutes.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to tell the Minister of Finance where the statistics I am using come from. They come from the finance department's statistics that were provided to the finance committee.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): It is not the whole story.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance says that the whole story is not being given out.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Half truths.

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Mr. Fulton: Half truths the Minister of Finance says. Well, we know that the GST is not even half truth. We know exactly where it is coming from because the whole plan is to divert more capital into the hands of the very rich in this country. We know that 5 per cent of Canadians now control 50 per cent of the wealth in the country and that the Minister of Finance's most famous remark was there are not enough millionaires in Canada. Well, the GST is designed to try to make a few more of his friends millionaires.

Let us take a look at someone with an income of \$100,000. The GST would be \$4,875 whereas income tax would be \$8,155. So what does this mean? It means that a working poor family with an income of \$20,000 will pay 10 times more in taxes, \$695 versus \$70, if the money is raised through the GST instead of income tax. The wealthy family on the other hand with an income of \$100,000 will pay 40 per cent less through the GST than they would pay through income taxes.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member would have had three and a half minutes remaining in his debate. I will give him four minutes when we come back with Bill C-62.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS — SENATE BILLS

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EASTERN SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Walter McLean (Waterloo) moved that Bill S-11, an act to restructure the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America under the name of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): A point of order, the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, if Your Honour were to ask, there might be unanimous disposition on the part of