

*Borrowing Authority Act*

**Mr. Lapierre:** On the Budget, Mr. Speaker. His constituency association chairman, over the week-end, could not agree with the Hon. Member for Lotbinière, and the Hon. Member carried out the Prime Minister's orders to the letter. He said: I must defend the Budget forcibly, and so he did, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. La Salle:** With conviction!

**Mr. Lapierre:** With much conviction! And one thing I would recommend to the Tory caucus, if they are going to resort to that kind of pressure selling, at least they should buy collective life insurance.

**Mr. Rossi:** A big one!

**Mr. Lapierre:** I would first and foremost recommend to the average Canadians not to try and meet directly their Conservative MP's at this time, because they are very nervous. They know very well that they do not see eye to eye with ordinary people. They know it, but they were told that the word of the Minister of Finance is as good as what the Bible says. They are nervous, and if someone annoys them, they become aggressive. They have learned that from their Leader. Whenever he does not have an answer, he shouts. Mr. Speaker, I advise all Canadians who are clearly unsatisfied by most of the budgetary measures, except for the wealthy who are as happy as can be, to phone their Member of Parliament or to write to him. It is less risky and I hope that it will be as effective.

Mr. Speaker, we saw the commitments made by the Prime Minister at the time when, as he says himself, he was generous with his commitments. Where young people are concerned, he was supposed to provide more incentives so that employers would hire and train young workers. He was supposed to extend the Career Access Program, Mr. Speaker. Have you heard anything about it? They have forgotten. The Prime Minister was supposed to provide reimbursable employment tax credits. He was supposed to set up new training and retraining programs for young people in highly specialized technical areas. Mr. Speaker, we have not heard anything about them. He even said that a Conservative Government would substantially improve the information exchange mechanisms to help young people learn about job opportunities. Mr. Speaker, I understand the Government for doing nothing in this regard because there are no job opportunities and therefore no need to improve these mechanisms. I can forgive the Prime Minister for this. However, there is more. He was supposed to implement programs to fight the chronic unemployment which dramatically hit some areas in Canada. In those areas, Government Members, who have a short memory, were supposed to implement private sector development community programs. They wanted to help groups and individuals willing to create new businesses to cut through the red tape, find markets, train their employees and maintain harmonious relations with the local workers, teachers, and financial institutions. Mr. Speaker, everyone is for virtue and

motherhood. That is what the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised during the election campaign and we realize now that he did not really mean what he was saying. Today we have seen a budget, and the bill now under consideration is related to it, strictly meant for the rich, a budget which does away with all former commitments. I see the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) and I know that as an honest man, he is deeply embarrassed by it. I would rather have had a budget introduced under his government, because I recognized his integrity. Moreover, he was remarkably honest in 1979. His colleague the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) said that if he had been as honest this time he would never have been elected. The Minister of Justice also said that it was better not to tell Canadians what they planned to do because they would never be elected. This is why they merely fooled the Canadian people who were ready for a change.

They wanted to humble us, but when you vote for the Conservative party you have to pay the price, Mr. Speaker. And this is what the Canadian people are beginning to say. This could surely be a useful slogan, Mr. Speaker, for my friends who have now finally realized, that the Tories tried to fake it during the election campaign but as soon as they were elected, what was bred in the bone came out in the flesh. And their traditional clientele of Bay Street and others have had more influence on the Minister of Finance than the ordinary Canadian. And when the Minister of Finance tells us: "I met some people and they approved my budget; the kind of people he sees, Mr. Speaker, is not the kind of people I meet.

Surely, I am not in touch with the business sector the same way he is and I do not apologize for it. But I will refer to the inquiries made among ordinary people, those who have realized that they will have to carry the burden of cuts made by the Minister of Finance and not derive any benefit from it. This is why I find unfortunate that the people have soon realized how costly it will be because this government has not kept its word. I do not trust the government to because I know that its expenditures will be beneficial to very few, to those whom the Minister of Finance is willing to hear.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Papproski):** Questions or comments.

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[*English*]

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Member who just finished speaking indicated that the capital gains exemptions introduced in the Budget would not create jobs. The man does not know what he is talking about. Capital gains tax has killed incentive in the country. It has stopped people from investing money and stopped businesses from expanding. The elimination of capital gains tax will encourage many people to invest money. When money is invested it creates jobs. It is that simple.