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**THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
MEMBER'S STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ECONOMY
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Hon. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, things have not been this bad in Canada since the last time the Conservatives were in power.

The government's misguided, blundering economic and fiscal policies have taken the country to a point that we now have a \$60 billion deficit.

If your wallet seems a little bit lighter, Mr. Speaker, it is because that incompetence represents a \$2,000 tax on every man, woman and child in the country. What do we have to show for it?

Let us ask the Minister of National Defence. He convinced the government to give his riding \$101 million in infrastructure funds. Every man, woman and child in the constituency of Eglinton—Lawrence was involuntarily taxed \$1,000 in order to keep him happy. What makes the Minister of National Defence so special, they ask. Why does the Prime Minister treat Torontonians with such disdain as second class citizens?