

# Philbrook's views on crime, budget, tax, reforms

## Federal budget is encouraging

John Turner's federal budget sent down earlier this summer was an encouraging budget, according to Halton MP Frank Philbrook.

Dr. Philbrook said the budget was a particularly diffi-

cult one in view of inflation, the recession and the unemployment it generates as well as the energy crisis. He noted any solutions for those problems tend to contradict or offset one another.

He said the budget implies serious restraints in spending at the federal level. The budget put a freeze on \$1 billion in projected spending.

Philbrook sees this as a courageous and honest move to head off a serious problem. "Cabinet ministers know that they have to say no to MPs and to businessmen seeking funds for projects."

Stop abuses  
The MP pointed out the new budget puts the onus for Unemployment Insurance premiums on the public (wage earner) rather than on the taxpayer. He felt that the increased waiting period from three to six weeks would cut down on the abuses of that fund. The six week waiting period applies to those who refuse to work, who quit or are fired with cause.

Special efforts are also being taken to cut back on health care spending. Philbrook a medical doctor himself, said there was no attempt to cut back on the quality of service or to treat doctors unfairly.

"We believe there is a lot of fat and unnecessary services that account for rapid escalating costs for health care programs. That's what this budget discourages," he said. Health care costs in Canada jumped by 10 percent in 1971, 13 percent in 1972, 18 percent in 1973 and 20 percent in 1974.

Should be down  
Health care has become so expensive it threatens to eat into other departments and

other programs. Even with inflationary trends and population growth, the increases are too dramatic for what is supposed to be one of the healthiest countries in the world.

Philbrook claims health costs in Canada should be dropping instead of increasing. He noted that the first five or six years after health insurance was introduced costs were expected to jump, but "we should be over that now."

Halton's MP points out housing and employment were identified as two areas to which the federal government wanted to pay extra attention.

Funds directed to housing were upped by 20 percent and \$450,000,000 was pumped into programs designed to create jobs.

Attacks spiral  
Philbrook defended the budget as being a good one that would attack spiralling health costs as well as pumping money into the areas of housing and jobs.

The budget came at a bad time (right before the summer holidays) and neither the press nor parliament communicated the thrusts of the budget to the people, he said.

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## Ottawa Report

Reporter Bob Burt interviews Dr. Frank Philbrook, Halton MP, about current issues.



### Philbrook says

## Don't let terrorists come to this country

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook looks at Ottawa's decision to postpone the UN crime conference as one alternative to an emotion charged issue.

"As one alternative postponing the conference is all right. I would have preferred to see us go on with the conference and not let the PLO in. Canada must keep terrorists out whatever the circumstances," he stated.

"Previously I thought we should take an official stand against terrorism and terrorist groups but we must also be careful not to hurt our UN relations. I was reluctant to say much then because I wasn't sure about all the facts and I'm still hesitant because I may not know all the aspects of the government's recent decision," Dr. Philbrook stated.

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## Gas tax a must says Philbrook

The 10 cent per gallon tax on gasoline recently imposed by the federal government was necessary to maintain the one price system across the country, according to Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook.

Asked if he felt the tax was a regressive one and one that would hit the low wage earner the hardest, Philbrook agreed all taxes with the exception of the graduated income tax are regressive.

He noted the country had run out of cheap gas supplies and had cut down on exports to the United States.

"Eastern Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes would have had to pay a lot more than the rest of Canada for gas if the tax wasn't imposed. This would be against a federal-provincial agreement," he said.

A subsidy  
He said the provinces and federal governments had agreed to subsidize eastern Canada to prevent skyrocketing prices that people in that area would have to pay for imported gasoline.

Until now Canada has used profits from its exports to subsidize the cost of gas in the eastern part of the country. This is no longer possible.

Dr. Philbrook said all of the alternatives had been explored but this was the best solution. "It wasn't very well communicated by either parliament or the media," he said.

Responding to criticisms from the Ontario government, Dr. Philbrook said the Ontario position had not helped the matter. He noted the money wasn't being used to support federal programs.

but to offset terrific increases in the cost of gas in other parts of Canada. He suggested the Ontario government criticism stemmed from political motives.

"The MP said prices can't be kept down indefinitely in the face of Arab attitudes and the rising world prices. 'It's a fact of life.'"

Dr. Philbrook said Minister of Finance John Turner had exempted business uses of gas from the tax in an effort to help stimulate the economy.

He disputed the Ontario Government's criticism of the tax and noted Ontario takes 23 cents per gallon and the federal government takes 17 cents by comparison.

## Reform call not revolutionary

Liberal MP Frank Philbrook (Halton) isn't awed by Premier William Davis' call for constitutional reform.

"It's an on and off thing like the debate on the senate, nothing new and revolutionary and nothing that can be settled during the course of the month-long election campaign," he said.

In a recent speech to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Premier Davis spoke of the need for reviewing the constitution and the division of responsibilities.

"Do we really need 11 Departments of Labor in this country? Is higher education best discharged at the provincial level? Is the regulation of securities most appropriately carried out by the provinces? Must both levels of government promote trade overseas?" Those are among the questions Davis raised.

Good employment  
Because Halton riding is generally an area with a good employment rating it receives a small share of the funding, compared to areas like the Maritimes.

Labor for the program must come through Canada Manpower and municipal projects aren't to exceed \$150,000.

The program isn't limited to municipalities, though. "It's open to any group or individual but it must be a community type project, not one for self-interest."

Under study  
In an interview Dr. Philbrook explained schools of political science make it their life's work to study things like that and they are in constant touch with government.

The MP pointed out the things that Prime Minister Trudeau is investigating at the current time.

He noted the only thing holding the country from repatriating the constitution from Great Britain is disagreement among the provinces.

Philbrook said it was logical that the country have the power to amend its own constitution and described it as a sign of maturity.

Confrontation  
He agreed there was room for some tidying up, but charged that the tactic of confrontation on Davis' part was dangerous.

Councillor Rick Day was critical of the program and told the MP that he felt most of the projects were of an artsy crafts nature and almost all deal in soft services.

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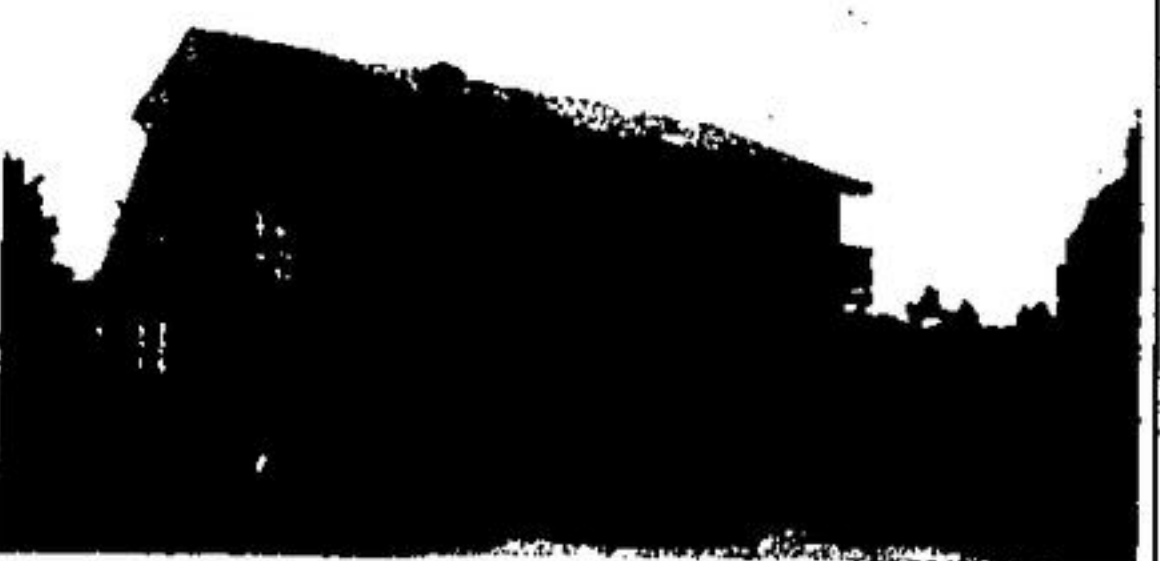
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## Philbrook to speak

People around Parliament Hill are going to be hearing Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook's voice a lot more this year.

Dr. Philbrook, who celebrated the end of his first year in politics last month, said in a recent interview that he intends to do a lot more talking this year.

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