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Otto says budget isn't tough enough

By MIKE BOYLE

The federal government's budget represents the best compromise available to solve the deficit problem and still finance social programs, Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek told a group of Milton business leaders yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

Mr. Jelinek, the federal minister of revenue, faced his accusers like a trooper. He presented the government's dilemma to the audience, well aware few in the crowd of about 100 liked the budget.

"Half the population in Canada say we didn't go far enough and I happen to agree with that half," the minister said. "And the other half say we went too far."

However, he blamed provincial governments across the country for their failure to help with the federal government's problem.

"It shouldn't be the federal government's responsibility alone to deal



Otto Jelinek

with the problem. We've been cutting back and the provincial governments, especially the government in Ontario, have been increasing their spending."

He said the federal government has reduced the deficit by \$10 billion since it came to power. In that same time, the Ontario deficit has risen by 15 per cent, he said.

"While the federal government has reduced increases in government spending from more than 15 per cent to 3.6 per cent, spending in Ontario has risen 25 per cent."

He also said that Ottawa has reduced the size of the civil service to the levels of 15 years ago while Ontario has added 50,000 employees to its staff.

"Provinces must stop their spending. They must be asked to bear the brunt as well. The burden of the national debt shouldn't be borne only by the federal government."

However, he said he didn't favour legislation which would force the government to produce a balanced budget, either now or in the next five years.

"If we went toward a balanced budget immediately it would have terrible consequences as far as businesses or citizens are concerned."

"We have locked-in costs of \$40 billion to service the national debt and another \$30 billion in transfer payments. If we eliminated the deficit by not paying transfer payments to the provinces, it would be tragic for them."

Last year, the federal govern-
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OPP steps up 401 'accident zone' patrols

For the next three months Milton OPP will be highly visible on the 401 between Guelph Line and Regional Road 22. The stepped up patrol is part of the force's new program designed to reduce the number of accidents each year.

Project Accident Reduction (P.A.R.), is in place province-wide. It is being implemented only on a trial basis through July.

"The area between Guelph Line and Regional Road 22 has been identified as our high accident zone," said Constable Kathy Lyons with Milton OPP. "We will have plain cars and marked cruisers out there through July, to slow people down."

Officers will be pulling drivers over for several infractions, speeding, failing to signal, seatbelt violations, following too close, and unsafe lane changes. They will not be issuing warnings, but taking the appropriate enforcement action.

Approximately 14 officers from the Milton station will devote much of their shift time to P.A.R. Officer presence on the stretch of the 401 will be highest daily from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m., and 5 to 7 p.m.

"Studies in the U.S. have shown that a readily identifiable police car results in compliance with the law in its immediate vicinity," said Sgt. Henning Schmidt, of No. 3 District. "However once the police vehicle leaves, driver behaviour reverts to what it was before."

Subsequent tests in Connecticut and California have shown a consistent compliance with traffic laws and a consequent reduction in the accident rate.

"These are the type of results we are looking for in Project P.A.R.," said Sgt. Schmidt.



Photo by STEPHEN UHRANEY

Puppy love

It was love at first lick for Amanda Ballard, 6, as she embraced Anka, a three-month-old Belgian Tervuren. The puppy was just one of many canines taking part in the Oakville and District Kennel Club's sanction match at Hornby Park on Sunday.

Woman injured in crash at site of previous fatal

A 25-year-old Puslinch woman received major injuries in an accident which occurred at the intersection of Lower Base Line and Sixth Line last Wednesday evening.

Police were called to the intersection shortly after 6:20 p.m. The location was the scene of a fatal accident which occurred earlier this year.

Injured in the Wednesday accident was Carrie

Mason of RR 1 Puslinch. She suffered a broken nose and femur, and several cuts and bruises. She was taken to Milton District Hospital.

The accident occurred when a 1986 GMC van travelling northbound on Sixth Line, driven by Gordon Britton, 60, of Milborough Town Line, Freeton, proceeded through the intersection at Lower Base Line.

Ms Mason was driving a 1987 Chrysler Daytona westbound on Lower Base Line. It was struck by Mr. Britton's van. There were no passengers in either vehicle. Mr. Britton received only minor injuries.

Mr. Britton has been charged with failing to yield to traffic. Ms Mason received a ticket for not wearing her seatbelt.