Oral Ouestions

FINANCE

CAPITAL GAINS TAX AS APPLIED TO FAMILY CORPORATIONS

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, in this unique season of seasonally adjusted legislation for seasonally adjusted elections, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. It makes reference to his April 10 budget which had one very fine clause indicating that shares of family corporations are now eligible for rollover negotiations. Was it the minister's intention, in family corporations including farm corporations, that if a sibling was to go out on his own and apart from the incorporated structure he would have to pay capital gains tax—the corporation would have to pay capital gains tax if a sibling went on his own?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I think the question asked by the hon. member concerns the interpretation of the legislation. When the House goes into committee of the whole, if the opposition lets us get to that point, I will be able to explain each one of the budget items.

[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CUTBACKS IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS IN NORTHERN MANITOBA

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Approximately ten days ago I brought to his attention the very sharp cutbacks in programs in northern Manitoba in the fields of education and employment instituted by the provincial government. To a large extent, these programs were funded jointly by his department and the provincial government.

I asked whether the minister was aware of the size of the cutbacks and what action his department had taken to monitor the cutbacks to see that the department was not continuing to pay its share of the money as if the cutbacks had not taken place. Can the minister tell us now what steps he has taken? What has he found as a result of his inquiries?

[Translation]

[Mr. Speaker.]

Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, what I would like to point out once again to the hon. member is that the cuts made by the Manitoba government in the programs considered will not substantially affect the program as a whole. But I can say again to the hon. member that if there are substantial cuts in the expenditures considered, those sums will not be reallocated to other programs not provided under the agreement entered into. But negotiations are going on with the government of Manitoba in an attempt to convince them of the soundness of the programs developed and agreed to by the federal and the Manitoba governments. We are still hopeful that we shall

manage to convince the government to reinstate, if not completely, at least to a large extent, some aspects of the program that they have cut so far.

[English]

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether, in the inquiries his department has made, it found cutbacks in programs that were financed in part by that department? If so, has his department moved to reduce the amount of money which it was recommended to pay?

Mr. Lessard: Mr. Speaker, yes, definitely. If some cutbacks have been made, obviously the result will be a reduction of our total expenditures. As we are paying, after expenditures have been made obviously we will be reducing by that portion our contribution to that part of the program which might have been reduced.

For the time being it is a little too early in the game to judge precisely the amount of money we might be called upon to withdraw from these programs. As I have said, we hope to convince the government to reinstate at least some part of the programs, in the hope that people in the northern part of Manitoba will benefit from them.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Calgary North.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

EXTRADITION PROVISIONS IN BILL S-8

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I like the applause. I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice with reference to Bill S-8 which came before the committee. Clauses 18 and 23 indicate that the minister may not return a fugitive or a person who has an order for extradition against him either to the Commonwealth, the United States or other countries if the death penalty applies and that is the penalty the person would have to undergo. I ask this question in light of the fact that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway and the hon. member for Toronto-Lakeshore were on the committee. Both those Liberals agreed with my position.

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My position is that the bill provides that pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may refuse to order the surrender of a fugitive offender, who may be somebody charged with treason or murder, but must release such person. In light of that fact, will the minister bring the bill back in order to amend this clause, or does he intend to create a haven for people such as Charles Manson, the terrorists in Italy, and others like the Son of Sam who would have to be released by the minister? That is the position. How is he dealing with members of his own party on that committee?