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there a genuine need for this program and ought it to be done now or at a later date? Will it increase the standard of living? What social dividend might be expected? The second criterion should be: What is the cost of the program and what will be its effect on the current budget? Are the people prepared to pay increased taxes? Which level of government will finance the program? The last question is: What effect will this social program have on future budgets? Will it leave the government of a future day with its hands tied so that it can no longer be flexible when presenting a budget? This is one of the problems we face today in the present parliament. Our hands are tied. The amount of the budget which can be changed is very small indeed. All programs in connection with social welfare, education, transfer payments of any kind—

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has now expired.

Progress reported.

Mr. McNulty: Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to royal assent may I say that I believe there is an understanding in the house that we will rise between 6 and 8 p.m. and postpone the private members' hour tonight.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act to amend the Territorial Lands Act, the Land Titles Act and the Public Lands Grants Act.
An act to provide for the dissolution of Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation.

An act to amend the Defence Production Act.

An act to amend the Fish Inspection Act.

An act to amend the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act and the Criminal Code.

[Mr. Ballard.]

An act to implement a broadcasting policy for Canada, to amend the Radio Act in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential and related provisions.

An act to amend the Excise Act.

An act to amend the Excise Tax Act.

An act to incorporate Commercial Solids Pipe Line Company.

An act respecting The Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

An act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED**

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the question to be raised at ten o'clock this day is as follows: The hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale), Northern Affairs—reduction in budget for northern health services.

Pursuant to special order of the house made earlier this day the private members' hour is suspended. The house will resume its sitting at eight o'clock.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Government order No. 2, house again in committee of ways and means.

WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Batten in the chair.

INCOME TAX ACT

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Income Tax Act to provide among other things:

1. That for the 1968 and subsequent taxation years the amount deductible by a taxpayer in respect of gifts made to a province shall not be subject to the limitation imposed by paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 27, and the amount deductible in a year by a taxpayer in respect of gifts made either to a province or to Canada shall include an amount in respect of such gifts made by him in the preceding year to the extent that such amount was not deductible in computing his taxable income for the preceding year.

2. That with respect to taxable income earned in 1968 and 1969, in addition to the income tax otherwise payable by a corporation under the