

not evidence that a commission of inquiry of the range and nature that the hon. member suggests is needed.

I might also say in respect to lightening the burden on the taxpayer, which we all desire, that the burden is largely the consequence of legislation passed by the House increasing transfer payments to the provinces, the administration of these large social programs, and transfer payments to individuals, such as family allowances. This is where the increase in the taxpayer load has occurred.

There is just one specific item more that I would like to comment upon and then I will sit down, Mr. Speaker. The hon. gentleman mentioned that parliamentary committees do not have the time to look into these expenditures, and that in particular the cost of outside consultants has risen to \$750 million. It is rather curious that the hon. gentleman should be proposing the seeking of advice from outside consultants because we cannot solve our own problems

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and at the same time complaining about this advice being sought. I should point out that in the \$750 million, the largest single item is the payment made to the provinces for vocational training instruction rendered at federal government expense to the citizens of provinces.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order. I would like to point out to the hon. member that under the adjournment procedure there is no possibility to rise on a point of order. Should he have an important question to raise, I suggest he does so at the beginning of the sitting tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Agreed.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.32 p.m.