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guarantee our freedom. Canadians look around the world and see other societies which are torn apart by tragic sectarian violence and bloodshed, and are thankful that our democratic institutions give us the means to live in peace and harmony with our neighbours. They give us the means to live with one another even when we disagree, and disagree strongly. Sadly, there are people in Manitoba who are urging on Members of the Legislative Assembly who have subverted democracy by walking out, rather than standing up and voting on a resolution introduced by a duly elected Government."

What Gordon Fairweather said of that House, Mr. Speaker, applies—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL REVENUE

POSITION OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Mr. Henri Tousignant (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, during the weekend, the Conservatives went into a retreat in Mont Sainte-Marie to hatch posthaste, it must be said, policies designed to attract the voters. Mr. Speaker, it is not too soon for them to start thinking about what they plan to put before the Canadian public during the next election campaign. The weekend's biggest find was the suggestion that the methods used to collect taxes will be changed. Without wanting to endorse blindly the present methods used by the Department of National Revenue, I believe that the Conservatives are forgetting that, throughout Canada excepting Quebec, the Canadian Government is responsible for collecting taxes on behalf of the Provinces. As we all know, these governments are for the most part Conservative and they do not seem to have any complaints about the federal Government's performance with respect to collecting these taxes. I therefore wonder about the seriousness of this proposal, Mr. Speaker. It would be interesting to know what the Premiers might have to say about this bright idea the basic purpose of which is to seduce and deceive the Canadian businessman.

What they failed to mention is the workers's own views on this as they have not opportunity whatsoever to avoid paying their taxes which are deducted at the source. In any case, no matter who collects the taxes, these have to be collected one way or another.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TORONTO SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INQUIRY—RIGHTS OF NURSES

Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a matter that I raised in the House last week, that is, the massive intrusion on the rights of the nurses at the Sick Children's Hospital. I am thinking specifically of Susan Nelles and Miss Trayner. If Mr. Justice Grange should find that the deaths were intentional, if he should name names, as is his ability under the terms of reference now, and should the police officers decide as a result to lay charges, how can anyone possibly think that any of these nurses could possibly have a fair trial? Under Section 11(d) of the Charter of Rights every Canadian is entitled to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law, in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal.

I invite Members of the House to speak on this issue because it is an important issue. I believe this is the most massive encroachment on rights that I have witnessed.

Let us assume, on the other hand, that there is not sufficient admissible evidence to warrant a trial and yet the finding of the commission is that the deaths were deliberate, and names are named. The stigma, as a result of the publicity, could not be overcome by these nurses or anyone else named. This is totally unfair.

I believe the House should request that the Attorney General restrict the terms of inquiry, or that Mr. Justice Grange personally—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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[Translation]

ADULT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

PROPOSALS MADE BY PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, at first glance, the Progressive Conservative Party's proposals for adult occupational training seem progressive. A closer examination, however, reveals that on the contrary they are disappointing and regressive. Disappointing since there is no mention of paid educational leave, one of the major issues which must be examined.

[English]

It is disappointing also, Mr. Speaker, because the Progressive Conservative Party does not address the free rider syndrome. Businesses on the whole are in favour of more industrial training, but are reluctant to do more as they often lose skilled employees to other firms which do not train their own employees. The tax incentives alone which the PCs propose