

patients have drug bills amounting to \$200 or more a month. Ambulance service fees are not allowed. In Saskatchewan, we have air ambulances, in charge of government aviators. If you want to be brought in from the far north to a hospital, you send for an ambulance, and you have to pay the fee charged by the government, but that is not considered part of your medical expenses. I advocate, and I would like the Leader of the Government here to advocate, expenditures for eyeglasses, ambulance services, drugs, and all that sort of thing, be classed as medical expenses when the income tax amendment bill is brought down.

In closing, I have one further suggestion to make. I would ask the Leader of the Government to inquire, and to inform us, how much government legislation we can expect to have introduced in this house before Christmas. In November last year a dozen or more government bills were initiated here, and we dealt with them and sent them over to the other house before we went home for the

Christmas recess. I think that the then Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Robertson) strove hard to have those bills placed before us at that time, and I would suggest that our present Leader use his influence with the government to have as much government legislation as possible initiated here within the next three or four weeks. Of course, nearly all private bills are initiated in the Senate, but we also like to have as many public bills as possible brought down for their primary consideration here. If the Leader could persuade his colleagues to submit some of their bills for initiation in this chamber promptly, we could get through with a lot of work within the next month and help to speed up the legislative program for the session.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Macdonald, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, November 24, at 3 p.m.

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