

Income Tax Act

Mr. Ritchie: Mr. Speaker, does this surtax supersede or in any way change the \$2,400 maximum guideline already set for professionals only?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): No, the \$2,400 guideline is not set for professionals only; it is a restriction on all recipients of earned income whatever that might be, whether corporate executives, members of the various professions or independent businessmen. That restriction will continue. What this particular measure applies to is all incomes of individuals whether or not they have enjoyed an increase in revenue during the year 1976. Someone who has not gone up from \$35,000 to \$40,000, who remained at the \$35,000 income level, will still have to pay the surtax.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A point of order, Mr. Speaker. The minister was good enough to send copies of his statement to the various parties and I notice that two pages were attached to it, one entitled "Summary of the Surtax Proposal" and the other entitled "Surtax Payable at Various Gross Income Levels". I think I am correct in saying the minister did not read those two pages. It seems to me that the information in them is important and is really part of the statement and ought to appear in *Hansard* in some way, either as having been read by the minister or as an appendix. I refer to the table that shows that a person with a \$35,000 income will pay an extra tax of \$10 a year.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I would be quite happy to table that, but unfortunately I do not have copies here. But I would be quite happy to table it and have it appended to *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed, and so ordered.

[*Editor's Note: For table referred to, see Appendix "A".*]

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a similar point of order. I spoke yesterday to the government House leader, and unfortunately he could not give me consent at that time. The question concerned the documents tabled by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) which purportedly was correspondence from the Commissioner of Official Languages who is an officer of this parliament. I wonder if he is in a position today to advise whether those documents could be appended to *Hansard*, or shown in today's *Hansard* in some form? Appending them would be acceptable.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to append the two letters, if that is what the hon. member refers to. I would not think it necessary to append the excerpt from a newspaper report which was included.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed, and so ordered.

[*Editor's Note: For letters referred to, see Appendix "B".*]

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I indicated that today I would seek an order of the House to return to routine proceedings at 8 p.m. for the purpose of a statement by the President of the Treasury Board and for the tabling of certain documents by the Minister of Finance. I would ask whether an order of this kind could be approved now.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations, and we are prepared to approve.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We agree.

Mr. Beaudoin: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is agreed, and so ordered. At eight o'clock tonight this House will revert to routine proceedings for the purpose of receiving a statement by the President of Treasury Board and the tabling of certain documents by the Minister of Finance. I think the House ought to be clear that this is an interruption of the regular procedure and ought to be done without prejudice to the position of whatever might be the order of the day at that time in respect to its continuing presence on the order paper. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I take it that the usual rule about statements will apply.

Mr. Speaker: Other circumstances this afternoon notwithstanding, there certainly would be no indication to the contrary.

● (1530)

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[*Translation*]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,117, 3,142, 3,190, 3,231, 3,344, 3,473, 3,474, 3,475, 3,476, 3,487, 3,550, 3,560, 3,564, 3,575, 3,613, 3,635 and 3,646.

[*Text*]

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE, DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA

Question No. 3,117—**Mr. Schumacher:**

1. On what date was the Customs and Excise office of the Department of National Revenue (a) opened (b) closed in Drumheller, Alberta?

2. For each of the years it was in operation, what were the costs for (a) rental space and utilities (b) salaries (c) how many individuals were employed?

3. On what date was the Zenith toll-free telephone number substituted for the manned office in Drumheller?

4. By year since instigated, what was the cost for service on the Zenith number and when was it discontinued?

5. What alternate service is now offered to residents in and around Drumheller?