

Income Tax Act

the family has eye problems, he has to come up with the money for glasses or whatever. From an economic standpoint, no matter how hard he wants to get out of the house and get a job because he is as frustrated as everyone else, he cannot afford to do so. Basically, the system says that you have to stay on welfare.

● (1810)

I recognize there is some movement now to modify that situation to allow some individuals on welfare to take a job and not be penalized. That is a positive step.

I wish I had more time to elaborate, but I see Mr. Speaker, that you have signalled to tell me that my time is up. This one case I have outlined of a guaranteed annual income where

there is no built-in disincentive allows people to earn what they can, be it a part-time job or a low income job. To know that your family has sufficient income is a responsibility of this Parliament, and as soon as we can we should put in place the mechanisms to let that occur.

Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to reasonably quick passage of Bill C-11 so we can get the money into the hands of the people who need it.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 6.13 p.m., this House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.
