

this country listening to what Canadians said to him so that his budget would reflect what Canadians wanted.

That is one of the reasons this budget has been so well received from coast to coast. Canadians said they wanted realistic lasting solutions, not quick fixes. They said they wanted reductions in deficits. They said they wanted streamlining of government. They said they wanted social programs that are targeted at people who really need them.

We have heard a lot of gnashing of teeth in this House about universality. I happen to believe that most of the people who I represent in this place think that things like family allowance should not be paid to rich people, that such resources as we can allocate for family allowance should be targeted at the people who need them most.

Consequently, we have the white paper on the new child tax benefit which streamlines the system, provides a more responsible system and is better targeted to see that the dollars available are used for the benefit of the people who need help the most.

I am pleased to see that the new benefit will be paid on a monthly basis as opposed to what we have now which is a small monthly payment and a big lump sum at the end of the income tax time. By paying it out on a monthly basis it seems to me that not only can families make better ongoing use of that money but the money is more likely to stay in the community.

A pharmacist from Lockeport called me the other day and said he was particularly pleased with that aspect because with a big lump sum people are more inclined to go off to the city or somewhere and go on a spending spree. But if it comes on a monthly basis they will spend it in their own communities and there will be a local benefit. He is absolutely correct.

Canadians said they did not want any new taxes and they did not get them. Indeed, they got a modest reduction—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. The hon. member will have three minutes remaining when we return.

Government Orders

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that messages have been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed the following bills without amendment: Bill C-35, an act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature therein and to repeal certain provisions thereof that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect; and Bill C-57, an act to amend the Canada Pension Plan.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-35, an act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of non-controversial and uncomplicated nature therein and to repeal certain provisions thereof that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect—Chapter No. 1.

Bill C-57, an act to amend the Canada Pension Plan—Chapter No. 2.

Bill S-2, an act to implement conventions between Canada and Finland, Canada and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and Canada and the United Mexican States for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax and the prevention of fiscal evasion and a convention between Canada and the United Mexican States for the exchange of information with respect to taxes—Chapter No. 3.

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BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1992-93

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-61, an act to provide borrowing authority for the fiscal year commencing April