

What we want is a thorough discussion in the committee that will be responsible for considering the Bill. Subsequently, there are certain proposals, certain concerns and grievances we will want to bring before the House, and we hope that the Government will then make the requisite changes to improve the Bill.

Madam Speaker, I see it is almost lunch time. I will continue my comments later today.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[Translation]

TAX REFORM

FAMILIES—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT ACCEPT CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS IN COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs tabled a report yesterday containing recommendations on tax reform which show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Conservative Government and interest groups indicated before the committee report was even drafted that tax reform is unfair to Canadian families.

All Canadians remember the supposedly heart-felt promises of the Prime Minister to the effect that the Canadian family is the corner stone of our society, yet it was this Conservative Government which partially deindexed family allowances, it was this Conservative Government which reduced the maximum amount of the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to put pressure on the Conservative Government and force it to eliminate injustices towards families by endorsing the report recommendations aimed at doubling from \$65 to \$130 the benefit for the family's third child, raising the maximum income ceiling before reducing the child tax credit, and providing an amount of \$130 for children over age 18.

S. O. 21

DANGEROUS PRODUCTS

REQUEST THAT PRESSURE BE EXERTED TO FORBID WAREHOUSING OF NUCLEAR WASTE IN ABITIBI AND NOUVEAU-QUÉBEC

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, according to Mr. Hatcher of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, there are no radioactive waste disposal sites in Quebec, but such provincial institutions as Sherbrooke and McGill Universities as well as the École polytechnique actively participate in the various phases of the program.

In addition, according to a statement made in Ottawa last February 2 by Mr. Ladanyi of the technical advisory committee concerned with the radioactive waste management program, a group of geologists consider that there are a number of potential sites in northern Quebec, particularly south of the 50th parallel.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that these groups work in secret, and today I urge the Inuit, Naskapi and Cree people as well as the residents of Abitibi and New Quebec to put pressure on the Governments of Ottawa and Quebec so that their region not be turned into Canada's garbage dump where highly radioactive waste will be stored and buried.

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ACID RAIN

REDUCTION OF TOXIC EMISSIONS—URGENT NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE ADEQUATE STANDARDS

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, 35 countries are now meeting in Geneva to discuss measures to reduce acid rain producing toxic emissions. Unfortunately, from the rumours which have reached us about the *in camera* meetings, it seems that Canada is objecting to strict standards.

At the same time, the Minister of the Environment, (Mr. McMillan) is congratulating himself for the measures being considered and the leadership shown by Canada. What leadership is he talking about? How strange it is to congratulate oneself for maintaining at the present level our emissions of nitrous oxides!

Since these emissions are a major cause of acid rain throughout the world, we should immediately reduce substantially the level of these harmful emissions and eliminate them in the long run. It is time to disassociate ourselves from the unecological acid rain policy of the United States. The Minister of the Environment should stop congratulating himself. It is time for him to insist that his delegation take a firmer stand and support adequate reduction standards.

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Congratulations when they are due and not until then.