

western farmers through some kind of an emergency plan. He could have invested some of this money in some of the economically depressed areas of the country. But this was not done.

With regard to reform of the tax system, I know the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway made a number of comments on this matter earlier this afternoon. We must have radical reforms in the taxation system. Today, in many cases we have essentially a system of socialism for the rich and free enterprise for the poor. Huge corporations and many of the rich people, through various ways and means, are getting off without paying their fair share to their country. After all, in a democracy, all the people should contribute as much as they possibly can for the betterment of one another.

I know that in my own constituency of Yorkton-Melville, for example, there are many people who cannot afford to pay an extra \$120 in so-called social development tax. I think the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway was right in calling it a social deception tax because these people cannot afford to pay it. They are confronted with an agricultural crisis. Many of our people are on old age pensions. Many of them are workers in unskilled jobs who just cannot afford to pay this tax while other people with higher incomes get away at a much lower rate.

As I said in the beginning, this is most indicative of the type of government we have today. I think it is basically a small "c" conservative government. It is a government that is forcing the low and middle income people to make many sacrifices because the members of the government are afraid to stick out their necks and ask for money from the huge corporations and the millionaires in this country.

There is a great need to implement many socio-economic reforms in this country, and we cannot afford to take regressive steps like this tax. We cannot afford to do so because the people are not going to put up with this kind of thing forever. The people are naturally going to rebel; they are naturally going to become very frustrated and lose more and more of their faith in the government. We

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have to do these other things if we want national unity in our country. The languages bill is not enough. We have to do more than that.

I appeal to the Minister of Finance to consider seriously wiping off the books his so-called social development tax.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I should like to call it six o'clock.

Progress reported.

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Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might, for the benefit of hon. members, give some indication of our intention in respect of the business for tomorrow. There is some expectation that the Income Tax Bill might be dealt with by the house by tomorrow afternoon. On that assumption, it would be our intention to call first item No. 63, the report stage of Bill C-183, to establish the Export Development Corporation, to be followed by No. 66, the report stage of Bill S-29 with respect to oil and gas conservation and, thereafter, No. 64, the report stage of Bill C-184 with respect to Telesat Canada. We hope to complete the third reading of these bills tomorrow by consent, if possible, or failing that, on Friday. If that business is disposed of we will then call Item No. 84, the second reading of Bill C-202, with respect to area development incentives.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate informing this house that the Senate have passed Bill C-102, an act to amend the Patent Act, Trade Marks Act, Food and Drugs Act without any amendment. Also, a message has been received informing this house that the Senate have passed Bill S-35, an act to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, and other statutory provisions related to the subject matter, with certain amendments to which the concurrence of this house is desired.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.