

**Mr. Nunziata:** I am interested.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** Order.

**Ms. Mitchell:** They deplore the fact that the Government is trying to make seniors sacrifice to reduce the deficit and that far too many of them already live on meagre incomes. By any definition, it can only be considered a state of poverty. Also, they indicate that to subject seniors to the removal of inflation indexing is immoral, and that deindexing, coupled with increased taxation on consumer groups, will deliver a further blow to those Canadians who are struggling to live with some semblance of dignity.

An Hon. Member rose in the House and said that our senior citizens were very proud. That generation suffered during the Depression and world wars. They do not want to admit that they are poor. Many of them are very poor, but they would prefer to suffer rather than to ask for help. These are the people that the Government is victimizing once again.

They went on to say in their statement that the proposed policy of deindexing would mean a loss to each old age pensioner from \$100 up to \$553 in 1990, representing a total loss of \$1,604 per person over the next five years.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray).

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### MOTION TO EXTEND HOURS OF SITTING

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to ask the Government House Leader to present the information which he now has about the business of the House.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I hope my report will be relatively brief, but it will be in two parts.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders, on the tenth last sitting day of the House in this trimester, provision has been made with respect to a motion which deals with extended hours. There have been discussions between the Parties. Rather than proceeding with this matter tomorrow, and with the unanimous consent of the House, I should like to present this draft order which I think Your Honour will find is acceptable to the House. The order reads as follows:

That, notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 9 commencing Monday, June 17, 1985 until Friday, June 28, 1985 the House shall meet at 11:00 o'clock a.m. and continue to sit without interruption until 9:00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and that the House shall meet at 2:00 o'clock p.m. and continue to sit without interruption until 9:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays and that the House shall meet at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Fridays and shall continue to sit without interruption until 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Fridays provided that during this period:

(a) the Private Members' Hour shall be suspended, and

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(b) for the purposes of Standing Order 45(1), adjournment debate shall commence at 9:00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday and conclude not later than 9:30 o'clock p.m. on the said days and that it be conducted pursuant to Standing Order 45; provided that from 4:00 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, June 14, 1985 the House shall consider Government Orders; and provided that adoption of this Order shall preclude the moving of any motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 9; and provided that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 21, 1985 it shall stand adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 1985.

If Your Honour seeks the unanimous consent of the House to have that order adopted, you will find that consent to be forthcoming.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** Does the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) have the unanimous consent of the House to move this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) on a point of order.

**Mr. Deans:** As you know, Mr. Speaker, this is a debatable motion, but I have no intention of debating it.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I just want to announce the business of the House, so that we will have an idea of the sequence of Bills. Tomorrow, the House will consider Bill C-41, Bill C-2 and Bill S-3. I hope we will deal with those Bills in their final stages. Continuing on Friday and carrying on into next week, the sequence will be: Bill C-51, the Borrowing Authority Bill; Bill C-44, respecting the Western Grain Transportation Act; Bill C-26, respecting the Old Age Security Act; Bill C-27, respecting amendments to legislation by virtue of the Charter; Bill C-36, amendments to the Aeronautics Act; Bill C-24, respecting COSP and CHIP amendments; Bill C-39, respecting supplementary equalization; Bill C-32, respecting fisheries; and Bill C-53, respecting the Northern Transportation Company Disposal Act.

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It is my intention to call them on the basis of this listing for the convenience of Members so they will have some idea of the procedure and plan accordingly. I hope to keep it in that sequence, but as House Leaders will understand, there are Bills in committee and a few other items of legislation which