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makes suggestions which seem interesting to us, and particularly which are less costly than the suggestions made in the bill. Under the heading "Tax Credits and Incentives", their report says on page 27, and I quote:

[English]

It is feasible to introduce a simple income-tests refundable tax credit which would provide benefits to lower income groups.

[Translation]

And the report reads further:

[English]

The deductibility of mortgage interest payments should be reviewed; such a review should give careful consideration to delivering the greatest benefits to the lowest income groups.

[Translation]

We realize, Mr. Speaker, that Bill C-20 is very far from that recommendation. The lack of planning, the lack of concrete measures for renters in this bill, the lack of respect for the parliamentary system by the Minister of Finance who ridicules the business of the House, and sends the tax forms even before the discussions on the bill have been completed, as well as the lack of a—

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, would it be possible to know whether we are discussing Bill C-20, or a motion which has been put forward this afternoon?

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** It is on the motion on Standing Order 75C.

[Translation]

**Mrs. Hervieux-Payette:** Perhaps the hon. member has not read the bill. I think I am dealing with the subject matter. That is quite clear. So in view of that, coupled with the lack of a budget setting out the government's priorities, no responsible member of this House could support this measure. The philosophy and the leadership of the government are clearly expressed in this statement made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) during his weekly press conference of November 30 last, when he said, and I quote:

[English]

Our judgment was that it was far preferable to try to move the bill quickly through Parliament and allow the people of Canada to take advantage of the tax credit early rather than have an extensive debate with wide discussion of amendments now, which would mean that no benefits would get to Canadians for another year.

[Translation]

Quite simply, after six months, the government is proposing a bill which, when it is fully in force, will cost some \$3 billion, yet the Prime Minister wants to limit the debate to its barest minimum. Not only that, but he wants to muzzle the opposition less than two weeks after the House has started discussing the bill. This is the same Prime Minister who emphatically spoke of deficits during the campaign and who refuses to tell Canadians how they are going to pay for this ostentatious and

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discriminating piece of legislation. The population of Mercier cannot be fooled, no more than the rest of Canadians who, with tomorrow's budget, will learn much of the Progressive Conservative's inability to govern.

**Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the floor. I shall try to speak on this motion instead of on Bill C-20 because I understand that the motion we are studying this afternoon has to do with time allocation on Bill C-20. I do not understand why we should extend ad infinitum the time allocation on that bill. I have never been in favour of motions under 75C, especially when introduced by the former government in relation to a so-called omnibus bill. May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

• (1700)

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** Order, please. May I remind the House that the time allotted for this debate under Standing Order 75C was two hours. One hour and 54 minutes has now elapsed. The debate will, therefore, be interrupted six minutes after resuming debate at 8 p.m.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby)—Air Transport—Proposed sale of Nordair—Consideration of bid of Eastern Provincial Airways; the hon. member for Madawaska-Victoria (Mr. Corbin)—Unemployment—Alarming situation of the unemployed—Request for announcement of government policy; the hon. member for Manicouagan (Mr. Maltais)—Employment—Canada Works Program—Request for supplementary funds.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions and public bills.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[Translation]

**Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member for Lévis