

Family Allowances Act, 1973

The Government knows full well that all it does is print money; it does not generate money. It has forgotten that a form of social care, aid to individuals and aid to families, is required. The family unit is not changing as drastically as is the Family Allowances Act. The family unit is still the most integral and important part of Canadian society.

I cannot understand the Minister or her Parliamentary Secretary supporting a program that would cause hardship to the most important unit in our population, the family.

Mr. Schroder: That's right.

Mr. McKnight: I hear the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister say that it is right, that it is not going to cause a hardship. Why are we having this debate if not to save money for the Government? If the people in this income range are not to receive any more or any less funds from the federal Government, why is this legislation necessary? If the Parliamentary Secretary has the time, I should like him to tell the House why we are going through this exercise, if it does not make any difference.

I ask Members of the Government to consider the motion proposed by the Hon. Member for Calgary West. If they believe the Government is doing the right thing for Canada and that this will help the economy grow, then why do we not just suspend this Bill for six months and consider it then? Nothing is going to change in that time. If they do not have faith in the Government and its programs, then I will expect them to vote against the amendment. If they have faith in the Government and the Minister, then they will believe the rhetoric. They will believe the statements of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and they will know that six months from now it will not be necessary to take income away from families with children under 18.

I hope Members of the Government will support this motion. I conclude my remarks, Mr. Speaker, by asking for the question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Hawkes) which was negated on the following division:

(Division No. 263)

YEAS

Messrs.

Althouse
Andre
Baker
(Nepean-Carleton)
Beatty
Benjamin
Blaikie
Bosley
Bradley
Broadbent
Cardiff
Clark
(Yellowhead)
Clarke
(Vancouver Quadra)
Cooper
Corbett
Cossitt (Mrs.)
Crombie
Crosby
(Halifax West)
Crouse
Dantzer
Darling
Deans
de Jong
Dick
Ellis
Elzinga
Epp
Fennell
Fraser
Fulton

Gass
Greenaway
Gurbin
Gustafson
Hamilton
(Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain)
Hawkes
Heap
Hees
Hovdebo
Howie
Huntington
Jarvis
Keeper
Kempling
Kilgour
King
Knowles
Korchinski
Kristiansen
Kushner
Lambert
Lawrence
Lewis
MacDonald (Miss)
(Kingston and the Islands)
MacKay
Mazankowski
McCain
McCuish
McKenzie
McKnight

McLean
Mitchell (Mrs.)
Mitges
Murphy
Murta
Neil
Nickerson
Nielsen
Nowlan
Nystrom
Oberle
Orlikow
Paproski
Parker
Patterson
Reid
(St. Catharines)
Riis
Rose
Sargeant
Scott
(Hamilton-Wentworth)
Scott
(Victoria-Haliburton)
Skelly
Speyer
Taylor
Thacker
Towers
Vankoughnet
Waddell
Wenman
Wilson
Young—90.

NAYS

Messrs.

Allmand
Appolloni (Mrs.)
Axworthy
Bachand
Beauchamp-Niquet
(Mrs.)
Bégin (Miss)
Berger
Blais
Blaker
Bloomfield
Bockstael
Bossy
Breau
Bujold
Burghardt
Bussières
Campbell (Miss)
(South West Nova)
Campbell
(Cardigan)
Collenette
Comtois
Corbin
Corriveau
Cosgrove
Côté (Mrs.)
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Cullen
Cyr
Daudlin
Dawson
de Corneille
Deniger

Desmarais
Dingwall
Dion
Dionne
(Chicoutimi)
Dubois
Duclos
Dupont
Dupras
Erola (Mrs.)
Ethier
Evans
Ferguson
Fisher
Fleming
Flis
Foster
Fox
Garant
Gauthier
Gendron
Gimaiel
Gingras
Gourd
(Argenteuil-Papineau)
Gourde
(Lévis)
Gray
Guilbault
Harquail
Herbert
Hervieux-Payette
(Mrs.)
Hopkins

Hudecki
Irwin
Isabelle
Kaplan
Kelly
Killens (Mrs.)
Lachance
Lalonde
Landers
Lang
Laniel
Lapierre
Lapointe
(Charlevoix)
Lapointe
(Beauce)
LeBlanc
Leduc
Lefebvre
Loiselle
Lumley
MacBain
MacEachen
MacGuigan
Mackasey
MacLaren
MacLellan
Malépart
Maltais
Marceau
Massé
Masters
McRae
Nicholson (Miss)