

*Ways and Means*

We are in the course of preparing for presentation to the House of Commons comprehensive proposals with respect to firearms that will disclose the government's priorities in relation to safety and criminal law.

The hon. member will find, when they are presented, that they are entirely consistent with the public interest which is safety in Canadian society.

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● (1500)

**CHILD POVERTY**

**Ms. Paddy Torsney (Burlington, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, there are nearly 1.3 million poor children in Canada.

When releasing his discussion paper the Minister of Human Resources Development said that reducing child poverty would be a central objective of social security reform.

What measures is the minister considering to ensure that Canadian children, our national resource, no longer go hungry?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, certainly the eradication or elimination of child poverty is a major objective in the proposed social security reform.

As the hon. member knows, one of the most important ways of doing that is to change the conditions under which people can get back to work and to provide much better child care and employment assistance services, particularly for single mothers faced with the most serious child poverty situations.

In the last several months under the strategic initiatives program of the government over 20,000 Canadians have been given direct assistance in an innovative, flexible, creative way to enable them to get back into the work market, the job market, so we can ensure that their children have a proper income and proper upbringing.

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**PRESENCE IN GALLERY**

**The Speaker:** I draw to the attention of hon. members the presence in the gallery of the hon. Ishmael Alphonsa Roett, MP and my brother Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

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[Translation]

**POINT OF ORDER****WAYS AND MEANS**

**Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, I think you will find that there is unanimous consent to now proceed with Ways and Means Motion No. 16 instead of Routine Proceedings and, if necessary, to immediately vote on it, without ringing the bells.

**The Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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[English]

**WAYS AND MEANS****INCOME TAX ACT**

**Hon. David Anderson (Minister of National Revenue, Lib.)** moved that a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act and income tax application rules, laid upon the table on Tuesday, November 22, 1994, be concurred in.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

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

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**The Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**The Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

(The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:)

(Division No. 116)

**YEAS**

## Members

Adams  
Anderson  
Assad  
Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre)  
Barnes  
Bhaduria  
Boudria  
Brushett  
Caccia  
Campbell  
Catterall  
Chan  
Collenette  
Coppes  
Crawford  
DeVillers  
Discepola  
Dupuy  
Eggleton  
Fewchuk  
Flis  
Fry  
Gagliano  
Galloway  
Godfrey  
Guarnieri  
Hickey  
Hubbard  
Irwin  
Jordan  
Kirkby

Allmand  
Arseneault  
Assadourian  
Bakopanos  
Bethel  
Blondin-Andrew  
Brown (Oakville—Milton)  
Bélair  
Calder  
Cannis  
Chamberlain  
Chrétien (Saint-Maurice)  
Collins  
Cowling  
Culbert  
Dhaliwal  
Duhamel  
Easter  
English  
Finestone  
Fontana  
Gaffney  
Gagnon (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)  
Gerrard  
Graham  
Harvard  
Hopkins  
Ianno  
Jackson  
Keyes  
Knutson