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the benefit of those who are 65 or older. In addition, people who have reached the age of 60 and who are in need could, after investigation if you wish, be given a similar pension which would enable them to live or at least to survive in their country, Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the statement made by the Prime Minister to the effect that such a pension will be paid in 1970 is nothing but window dressing. Tonight, some old people will feel pretty good when they hear on television the news that they are to get a pension of \$75 a month at the age of 65. However, it will not be before they are 69 that they will be entitled to a pension of \$75 a month.

At any rate, the pension of \$75 a month announced by the Prime Minister and payable at the age of 65, starting in 1970, will no longer be sufficient at that time. I am sure that before 1970 we will have to consider the possibility of providing a pension of \$100 a month for all Canadians who are 60 or over.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker, we shall support Bill No. C-136, amended as the Prime Minister just announced. Still, we feel that that is too little and that it is merely window dressing. The government will have to introduce more concrete and complete legislation to help Canadians who are 60 or over.

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**FINANCE**

TABLET OF AGREEMENT WITH INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table in French and English the texts of an agreement between the government of Canada and the inter-American development bank signed in New York on December 4, 1964.

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT**

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING GARNISHEES AGAINST CROWN

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Essex South)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-143, to amend the Financial Administration Act (discretionary garnishee against crown).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Whelan:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to remedy the grievance suffered by creditors who cannot collect their just debts from federal civil servants because the crown's certificate of employment is a certificate of protection against the garnishee of wages process of the courts.

[Mr. Caouette.]

More than 300 years ago the British House of Commons cleaned up a similar injury to the public caused by members who used their parliamentary privileges to protect their employees and servants against the debt processes of the courts. On November 28, 1661 the House of Commons passed the following resolution:

This house, taking into further debate the great grievances of the people occasioned by protections,

Resolves, that all protections, and written certificates of the members of this house, be declared void in law, and be forthwith withdrawn and called in, and that none be granted for the future. . . .

—and on January 31, 1781 the house amended the standing order to make it more effectual by adding a punishment:

and if any protection or written certificate shall be granted by any member, such member shall make satisfaction to the party injured, and shall be liable to the censure of the house.

For 304 years the treasury bench has sat on this example we members of the House of Commons set them. The government should now do what we did, either adopt this bill and wipe out this class privilege or, if it intends to perpetuate it, make satisfaction to the injured creditors.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**QUESTIONS**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**C.B.C. PROGRAM EXPENDITURES**

Question No. 1,214—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the total amount of money spent by the C.B.C. in each of the past three years on production of programs on (a) its French network (b) its English network (c) in Toronto (d) in Montreal?

2. What is the total amount of money spent by the C.B.C. in each of the past three years on production of network programs on (a) its French network (b) its English network (c) in Toronto (d) in Montreal?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. Cost of program production:

	(in \$000's)		
	1962	1963	1964
(a) French network	22,021	21,843	24,685
(b) English network	31,188	30,312	33,700
(c) in Toronto	25,553	24,195	26,298
(d) in Montreal	24,547	24,761	27,387