

having those instruments, the service was unfortunately abandoned.

In other instances—this was the case of the little Northern train that goes to the Laurentians north of Montreal—we saw the commission refuse to let the CPR abandon a service and as a result of the sustained efforts of local chambers of commerce in the municipalities, that service had 100 per cent more passengers last winter. If I make those digressions, Mr. Speaker, it is to show how important is the basic question of allowing the Canadian Transport Commission to review its own decisions and I think that the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville was right in raising it but unfortunately I think we still have not had enough time to scrutinize all the aspects of that question because, as I said earlier, we are faced with a dilemma, there are arguments both for an as extensive as possible revision authority and a restrictive revision authority for the Canadian Transport Commission.

I think, Mr. Speaker, that we still have not had enough time to scrutinize that whole question which is extremely important to refer this bill to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, but I hope that this important matter which we have just examined briefly will allow the government and the federal administration to try in the coming months to do what needs to be done with respect to all those quasi-judicial commissions or boards so that appeal procedures will not become a financial burden for the average citizen or pressure groups because the game is too one-sided between a big company and a group of citizens, a chamber of commerce or an individual to pursue for months, even years, appeal or revision procedures, or changes in decisions and orders, and so on.

I hope the government and its administration understood the message clearly and will try as soon as possible to develop mechanisms to ensure that Canadians receive all the justice they are entitled to in dealing with large corporations in this country.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. With the consent of the House, perhaps we could go back into committee of the whole before the Chair calls it six o'clock. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Family Allowances

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD TAX CREDIT

The House resumed consideration in committee of the whole of Bill C-10, to amend the Income Tax Act to provide for a child tax credit and to amend the Family Allowances Act—Mr. Chrétien—Mr. Turner in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. It being six o'clock I do now leave the chair until 8 p.m.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

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The committee resumed at 8 p.m.

The Chairman: Order, please. When the committee rose at six o'clock clause 1 of Bill C-10, an act to amend the Income Tax Act, was under consideration and the hon. parliamentary secretary had the floor.

[Translation]

Mr. Martin: Mr. Chairman, I was answering some of the points the hon. member for Villeneuve brought up during his speech when we broke up for dinner. The first point he made, I believe, was that next year there will be a decrease in federal allowances to the citizens of Canada as a result of the bill now before us; I should like to explain that this will definitely not be the case. In 1979, more money will go from the government to the citizens' pockets. For instance, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) told me \$60 million more will go to the province of Quebec, to name only one. I feel that point deserved to be explained.

[English]

The second point I should like to refer to, which I picked up from the hon. member's comments, is the concern over the need for people to go to tax discounters in order to obtain their funds. This should not be necessary at all as we are hopeful that the filing system will be simple and speedy enough that, indeed, they will be able to make their filings in good time and receive their \$200 credit for each child on a fairly prompt basis. There should be no need to resort to the tax discounting business.

I suppose one might add in passing that, as a result of the legislation we passed in this House last year, the tax discounters are at least now limited to being able to collect no more than 15 per cent. However, the point should be made that there should be no need now for people who want to claim this particular credit to make use of the tax discounting group.