

Family Allowances

all social legislation here at the federal level. This way we would not play political games at the expense of children by considering the income level of their parents. In fact everything rationalized through income tax—the rich gives back all his family allowances when he files his income tax return, but at least the child as a citizen gets justice. A serious question comes to my mind when reading this bill. I ask myself who stands to gain most from this bill, the child or the state? How much money will children get and what profits will the state, in other words the government receive from this? In his statement, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) has tried to sugar the pill by attempting to show the good effects of the bill on children, even in the folder sent by the Department of National Health and Welfare to all families which begins as follows:

Dear parents:

Most families receiving family allowances will be pleased to learn about the new child tax credit announced by the federal government.

It will be a disappointment, Mr. Speaker, for perhaps 90 per cent of the families. At first sight, they will all think that poor children and families with average earnings will get more money, what with all that publicity.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order. It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 6.01 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.