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people are also interested. A young chap said to me, "When the government decides to tax us, it will not wait for its money; but when it proposes to make a concession, we must wait a couple of years for it." A number of our young people pay taxes even before entering the labour force. These young people in particular are disillusioned with the government and with its endless discussions. These tax proposals will go to a standing committee and be discussed there at great length. I was very surprised to hear the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Gray) say to hon. members that the government has not enough information to know exactly what will be the effect of certain proposals, especially in view of some multiplier effects.

The taxes some of our young people pay have reached an oppressive level. They are impatient with stupid regulations under which they must pay income tax on money earned during summer holidays and then apply for a refund of that tax. Sometimes when they borrow money from the government they are told that money constitutes income and that they must pay tax on it. Since many young people who are now 16, 17 or 18 years old will participate in the next general election, I think it makes sense from the government's point of view to implement very soon certain of its proposals respecting income tax. It should not wait until the committee has made its report, but should implement some proposals at once. Our young people are not interested in hearing that these proposals have gone to a committee where they are to receive detailed, serious consideration. They are impatient, and for that reason I submit that the government ought to consider putting some of these proposals into effect at once.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, there have been certain discussions about the business planned for the balance of the afternoon, and I think there will be found to be agreement for our suspending private members' hour for today so we may complete the matter now being debated. If we complete it before five o'clock, the House might rise, to the call of the Chair, so that I may have an opportunity later of reporting to the House the current status of industrial relations respecting air traffic controllers.

Mr. Peters: Would that be before six o'clock?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): It would be before five o'clock. I think the House would be agreeable to an order suspending private members' hour so that we might conclude the matter under discussion. If we conclude it before five o'clock, the House might agree to rise until approximately 4.50, so that I may have an opportunity of coming back to the House and making a statement.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to be clear about the matter. If, for example, the debate were to be over at this point, would we now suspend the sitting?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): That is correct.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I take it we would be recalled by the ringing of the bells. I assume that could not be later than five o'clock because of our hours of sitting today.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I do not know whether that is necessarily the case. We could ring the bells just before five o'clock so that we could ask the House if it is prepared to sit beyond five, in case there is news of value to be announced later. We could do that instead of insisting that the debate not go on any longer. I should hate to deprive the House of the pleasure of listening to the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters).

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) is delighted with the rapid progress being made and anticipates we shall finish before five o'clock. I do not think we shall need more time to discuss this matter.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I was looking forward with great pleasure to hearing the speeches of hon. gentlemen, but I shall have to forgo that pleasure.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the suggestion put forward by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald). Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some hon. Members: Question.