

space for her son. She had to resort to this type of technique in order to get attention. I ask you, Madam Speaker, is that the way that mothers today and in the future will have to operate in order to get the attention of local, provincial, and federal governments? Obviously, this is not the way to resolve a problem with day care. Obviously, one does not want to have waiting lists of 4,700 in a metropolitan population. In fact, one would not want to have large waiting lists. There will always be some. However, this is insane, and it does not make sense.

I hear your signal, Madam Speaker, and I will conclude by simply referring to the fact that we have here a policy which looked reasonably good when it was introduced in the House some time ago. The more we studied it, the more we explored the situation out there in the real world in terms of waiting lists, in terms of taxation on medium and low-income families, in terms of the projections into the next seven years, and compared that with what this Bill is offering, we could only conclude that this measure is inadequate. When the measure is compared to other priorities of the Government, then the scene is really very distressing.

[Translation]

Ms. Tardif: Madam Speaker, I listened a moment ago to my hon. colleague talking about national expenditures. If I look at present expenditures under the Canada Assistance Plan for child care services, which total 160 million dollars a year, if I look at the Bill's preamble which provides for payments of four billion dollars over the next seven years, I have trouble understanding why he does not believe that this Bill will allow us to put more and more money into this field to meet the needs of Canadian families. This is a government priority, a priority backed by the present \$160-million budget and by forecast expenditures of \$4 billion over the next seven year period for child care services.

I would also like to go back to the matter of what is required from provinces under the agreements they will sign. He referred a moment ago to certain points which apparently would not be covered, on which the federal government presumably has not assumed its leadership role. I would like to refer him to sub-paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Bill which states that provinces must accord special priority to meeting the needs of children from low to modest income families.

Concerning the answer I just gave to a question from my hon. colleague concerning the withdrawal of the Canada Assistance Plan, I would like to remind him that I was not able to find the exact reference. Clause 13 of the Bill states that paragraph 10(1), which concerns the Canada Assistance Plan and its amendments, shall come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the Governor in Council, which day shall not be earlier than April 1 of the first year in respect of which all provinces have entered into agreements under the Act. Therefore, the Canada Assistance Plan will be able to reject the expenditures of provinces until such time as all provinces are covered by the new agreement.

Business of the House

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It being five o'clock, pursuant to an order made earlier this day, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings for the purpose of putting forth every question necessary to dispose of third reading of the Bill presently before the House.

• (1700)

[English]

The question is on the amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those in favour of the amendment, will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Pursuant to an order made earlier this day, the recorded division on the proposed amendment stands deferred until six o'clock later this day.

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[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—MOTIONS

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Before proceeding with the debate, I would like to inform the House that the Chair has received a written notice from the Hon. Member for Outremont (Mrs. Pépin) advising the House that she will be unable to present her motion during the Private Members' Hour, on Tuesday, September the 27, 1988.

[English]

It has not been possible to arrange an exchange of positions in the order of precedence pursuant to Standing Order 39. Accordingly, I am directing the Table Officers to drop this item of business from the order of precedence.

[Translation]

Since the notice will be cancelled, the Private Member's Hour will be suspended and, pursuant to Standing Order 39,