

*Family Allowances Act, 1973*

**Mr. Mackasey:** I will sit down a little inflated, because I have not said it all.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Hon. Member will realize that the intention of the procedural reforms is that questions and answers should be "short and sharp". The Hon. Member for Crowfoot.

**Mr. Malone:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on this occasion, especially since the Hon. late Minister—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. My apologies to the Hon. Member for Crowfoot but there still remains some time for questions and answers.

**Mr. Malone:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to point out that it is very difficult to ask a question of an Hon. Member who has just left the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Hon. Member for Crowfoot may not have had his microphone open, so I will indicate to the House what he himself has said; that is, that it may be difficult to ask questions when an Hon. Member is no longer in the House, but that does not constrain Hon. Members under those rules, from making such comments as they see fit, and I would have to continue to recognize Hon. Members after that.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the Hon. Member has left the House so quickly. I wanted to know why he was yelling so loudly and pounding the desk with his lily-white fingers. Perhaps it is because he had such a weak argument. I want to know how he can reconcile the Bill, which he now supports, which is taking money and food from children—

**Miss Bégin:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Taylor:** Stay calm a minute. Do not get excited. You will break a blood vessel.

I do not know how he can reconcile taking money from mothers, who are having a difficult time feeding their children, and then giving \$800 a day, plus \$125 for expenses, to a rich man. How can that be reconciled? It is completely contradictory. He says it is not inflationary, but it is inflationary. That is not straight at all. Does the Hon. Member talk that kind of nonsense to the people of Canada, 1.5 million of whom are unemployed? It is no wonder that the Liberals are on their way out. I have no question to ask because the Hon. Member is not here.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Is there debate?

**Miss Bégin:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Crosby:** The Minister cannot speak. Sit down.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Chair will recognize the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) if her comments are pursuant to those made by the Hon. Member for Bow River.

**Miss Bégin:** Yes, I think it is very important—

**Mr. Crosby:** Tell us about the Catholic Bishops.

**Miss Bégin:**—for the Hon. Member not to get too mixed up in the large dossier which is before him. He has just totally misinformed the House and the population so badly that I want to correct him. How can he say that the person who earns \$26,330, and who has only one child, is living in poverty? I do not quite understand it. I would love to hear an answer.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, surely the Minister is not so naive as to think that all of the 1,200,000 mothers are making \$26,000 a year. Many of them are not. Many of them have three, four, five or six children, and many of those children are crippled and some are abnormal. They need extra money and they are not getting enough for milk now, so let the Minister not start giving me that baloney.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** As a last exchange, I will recognize the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

**Miss Bégin:** This is exactly what I wanted the Hon. Member to recognize, the fact that that is the limit, the maximum Child Tax Credit, for only one child. The Child Tax Credit has increased by \$50 to make up for the reduction of indexation. Therefore, he has totally misinformed the mothers in this country, because if they have two children, they can make much more, and if they have three or four, they can make much more.

**Mr. Taylor:** A little more.

**Miss Bégin:** They can make much more money and will still be allowed the full, additional, non-taxable \$50 per child on this year's Child Tax Credit, in such a way that two-thirds of all the mothers in Canada will not have lost a penny, and some will be better off—

**Mr. Crosby:** What are you doing it for?

**Miss Bégin:**—because of the six and five. Therefore, I would like him to remember that and read all his documents before he opens his mouth, because he is making such a *bouillie pour les chats* that it is unbelievable. It is unbelievable that he should be creating panic among mothers that way.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I have just received a note indicating that because of certain signals, which Hon. Members recognize I sometimes give to them as to their amount of time left to debate, the Hon. Member for Lincoln apparently did not realize that there was time remaining in the ten minute period.

**Mr. Crosby:** Oh, he realized. He just left.

**Miss Bégin:** Oh, come on.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I have only two choices I can make in this matter, and I will be guided by the House. I