

Income Tax Act

I wish to direct a question to the minister. Does the House agree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Latulippe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The minister stated that he will reduce taxes so as not to create more unemployment and to keep people at work.

Inversely, interest rates are going up and will cause high unemployment in Canada. Would the minister tell us what steps he intends to take in order to deal with unemployment once and for all, because the tax exemption that will be granted to industry will not settle the problem, while higher interest rates will cause more unemployment?

We would like the minister to tell us where we are heading for, in view of the fact that higher interest rates will certainly increase unemployment.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is quite aware that current interest rates are in keeping with the tremendous economic expansion. Moreover, the latest statistics show that the number of jobs in May 1973 compared to May 1972 increased by 497,000, 30 per cent of which in the province of Quebec.

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[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It appears that the House is ready for the question. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to order made earlier, the recorded division on this motion stands deferred until Wednesday, June 20, to be taken immediately after the reading of the order of the day for resuming debate on the said motion.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House, I will call it five o'clock. I just want to say, if I might, that it was my understanding the vote was going to be called for by my friends in the New Democratic Party, but their voices were in good form. Therefore, the appearances are the reverse of the effect.

[Mr. Latulippe.]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I on a point of order confirm your judgment that the nays had it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I take it the House is really not in the mood to debate Bill C-193 at this particular time. Perhaps we could proceed as if it were five o'clock. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Peel South (Mr. Blenkarn)—Manpower—Suggested combining of Manpower and Unemployment Insurance offices—Government position; the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland)—National Defence—Suggested recommissioning of certain destroyers for use in protecting fishermen—Government position; the hon. member for York East (Mr. Arrol)—Unemployment Insurance—Request that Commission make early decisions on benefit eligibility to avoid overpayment claims.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTIONS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

SUGGESTION THAT AMENDMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE INCENTIVE TO WORK AND REMOVE SOCIAL WELFARE PRINCIPLE

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand):

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider revising the Unemployment Insurance Act to remove those provisions which discourage the incentive to work and, as well, those provisions which are based upon the principle of social welfare and not upon the principle of social insurance.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this motion was placed on the order paper at the beginning of this session because, during the election campaign last fall, the Unemployment Insurance Commission and its effects on labour were one of the paramount issues in the area I represent. The second reason is that it is still a very topical issue. A committee composed of the Norfolk county council pointed out the need for revision or amendments in a brief relating to the agricultural labour shortage. I will refer to