Income Tax Act

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To solve the problem, one must get to the core of it, namely lower the cost of living by every possible means.

Now this government is a good representative of the people's image. Out of 264 elected members, there are thirty ministers who spend most of their time discussing and bickering over minor issues, forgetting and neglecting the only real problems, the first and most important of which is the problem of a guaranteed personal income for every Canadian citizen, paid out of the national production of goods and services of the current year. There are nearly 23 million Canadian citizens and there is enough production to satisfy all of them. There is even enough for exportation and in spite of that, there will still be surplus. That is where we should do something and through various means, solve that problem.

Instead of solving problems, we multiply them, we forget about them; we pretend to solve some of them among the less urgent ones, to make believe that we are doing something, but in fact we try hard not to change anything in the general pattern of national economy, which inflates the income of rich people and their society and drains more and more those of the poor people and their families.

People, families and corporations, that is all that is being administered throughout Canada, but only persons are endowed with life. Families and corporations are not alive, they are but groups of people. Families are natural groups of living people, while companies are artificial groups of adult citizens legally associated under regulations established by the supreme authority of the government of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the companies' organization is respected. The company is respected as a body and is considered as a direct body whereas it is a body without a soul, an indirect body. The direct body is the human being and it is each human being and for each human being that we must administer and this not for public bodies without a soul nor public bodies without responsibility. Only the human being has responsibilities.

Everyone knows that there is only one administration formula of which I have already spoken several times. Everyone knows that the companies are making profits and reserves on their administration of the current year to warranty the progress and safety of the years to come and succeed in whatever they undertake.

Then why not plan the family administration which also needs profits and reserves for the years to come in addition to meeting the current year's expenditures? Why oblige all the family heads to administer their family expenditures on the income of only one person or of a single person?

This is how absurd is our national economy. This is the reason for inflation, unemployment and poverty.

The increase in the cost of living is subtly hidden in the huge reserves, the hidden and secret reserves of public or private corporations camouflaged by the accountants in their annual reports and tax exempted by the government to the benefit of the shareholders and directors in collusion with the economists who pretend not to see or know nothing about this common practise which is used to

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deprive the people and even governments and families of the greater part of the national wealth.

So much is being given to private and public corporations, whereas nothing is provided for the families; not enough is being given to the adults who contribute to production through their work and their capital, in return for which they receive salaries and interests planned and adjusted to their degree of education and experience. The hidden cause being detected, their wounds become easier to heal.

Mr. Speaker, we know that there exist large corporations which are hoarding large reserves. There are hoarded reserves of billions of dollars on which no taxes are being paid. Some order ought to be put in those reserves, though without confiscating everything. A small portion of this should be levied for payment of a guaranteed income to all our citizens and, moreover, part of the excess production should be turned into funds to be distributed among those Canadian people not lucky enough to draw salaries because they cannot work, or are too old, or are sick, in short, those unable to earn what they need. Some help must be provided for them through other technical means, because the world in which we are living is a modern world, where technology has been promoted and replaces labour. Those citizens who are not working must live. This is one of the reasons why we shall soon have to pay a guaranteed income to each citizen, though without robbing those who already have not enough money. The necessary money for distribution should be drawn on the excess funds and excess production.

Mr. Speaker, this is the means we are putting forward to alleviate the disquieting economic situation now prevailing.

A large measure of general confusion still surrounds the guaranteed income plan in 1973. The idea is to bring order into all that.

Mr. Speaker, those matters have been under study and subjected to various experiments for over 50 years already, as the minister himself explained it in detail in this House on January 11 of this year and as reported at page 197 of *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker, the big royal commissions of the federal government since 1960 on the revision of our banking and fiscal systems, on the status of women and on poverty in Canada have already explained all there is to be known to curb inflation, unemployment and poverty, to restore national economic balance between individuals, families and companies, incomes, expenditures and profits, taxes and reserves, needs, costs and prices, capital, work and the right to a living, employers, employees and dependents.

Mr. Speaker, everything has been said by those big royal commissions which required time, energy and money. For over 10 years their reports remained available to all people concerned, governments and the governed. The famous reports of those royal commissions—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member.