

Excise Tax Act

Saint-Jean and to me, that he would receive this representation, and I certainly had the impression that he might consider it and that he might do something by way of meeting revenue needs by taxation on increases in the higher brackets and on personal incomes and corporation incomes generally. But no, there is none of that in this budget at all. The only income tax change in this budget is the \$250 per year increase in the case of very wealthy people, those who have incomes of \$26,000, \$28,000 or more.

I submit that an area where the minister could have used proper and fair taxation methods was passed over for these unfair methods of higher costs to workers for unemployment insurance, higher costs to the sick and to people who need to go to hospital, and for this tax on gasoline. The whole thing is so grossly unfair in itself and is so contrary to the kind of social progress we have fought for in this country that many of us feel very strongly about this measure, and that is why we have kept this debate going.

If I may say so in just a sentence or two, on the other side of the coin there was nothing in this budget, and there has been nothing in this session, for pensioners or for persons in real need. We hear talk about the guaranteed annual income. We are told that it is coming, but in the meantime people in need, whether they are pensioners or those on low incomes in other age brackets, are being told they have to wait. While they are waiting they will have more to pay and they will suffer a decline in their living standards, because of these unfair taxes brought in by the Minister of Finance, one of which we are dealing with in the bill now before us, Bill C-66. We state again our strong and absolute opposition to this bill. We think it should be withdrawn. Failing that, we shall vote for the amendment to give it a six months' hoist.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Stanfield) which was negated on the following division:

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

● (1740)

(Division No. 63)

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| Fleming | (Kamloops-Cariboo) | (Ottawa-Carleton) |
| Flynn | McIsaac | Watson |
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Mr. Speaker: I therefore declare the amendment defeated.

Amendment (Mr. Stanfield) negated.