

within 100 miles of Toronto and over 900,000 manufacturing jobs could be found within 400 miles of Toronto, an area which includes Montreal. This is quite a contrast to the situation in the Regina district which employs less than 10,000 manufacturing workers.

Such regional disparity has been at the root of a considerable amount of western alienation. So when a corporation income tax cut such as this is introduced, a tax cut which does not go to the workers in the manufacturing industry but, rather, goes into the hands of those in charge of certain corporations to do with as they please, with no stipulation that the benefit be used to carry out programs to increase employment, it amounts to another rip-off. This in fact is another rip-off when we consider the manner in which the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce handles these grants, and when we consider the freight rate structure to the advantage of the central region of Canada, the golden horseshoe, with very little advantage to the rest of Canada. This is the kind of thing from which western alienation grows. It is the kind of thing that westerners find unfair and unreasonable when carried out by the federal government.

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What is even more annoying is the fact that a minority government sticks with its policy to reduce corporate income taxes. It could easily be stopped, but we find that Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition is in bed with the government in order to ensure that the eastern manufacturing industry in the golden horseshoe gets this corporate rip-off. Members of the Tory party are going along with the government in order to carry out that kind of measure.

**An hon. Member:** Separatist.

**Mr. Knight:** An hon. member refers to me as a separatist. I consider that an outrageous remark because I believe in holding Canada together as a confederation and that one of the most essential ways of doing that is by answering some of the questions regarding western alienation, questions that should be answered at the western economic opportunities conference to be held in July. These questions cannot be answered by a government that moves in the direction of corporate income tax cuts as presented to us today. This puts an extra advantage in the hands of a privileged few in the central region of Canada surrounding Toronto known affectionately as the golden horseshoe.

**The Chairman:** Order, please. I wonder if the hon. member would permit me to interrupt him. I understand that the President of the Privy Council rises on a point of order.

**Mr. Knight:** Mr. Speaker, I will be most co-operative with the President of the Privy Council on the understanding that I may call it 5.45, or whatever I am supposed to do in order to ensure that I have the floor when the debate continues the next day.

**The Chairman:** The hon. member will be given most favourable recognition when the committee resumes its deliberation.

### Redistribution

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** In response to an earlier request by the hon. member for Edmonton West, Mr. Chairman, I wish to table a document.

**The Chairman:** Perhaps we should hear from the President of the Privy Council on his point of order, and receive the document offered by the Minister of Finance when we are back in the House.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Chairman, it has been discussed and agreed that we might rise and report progress at this point in order that, with the Speaker in the chair, we might have an opportunity to commence consideration of the Quebec objections to the reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. Unless we commence consideration of that report today we might find ourselves in default of the law, and Your Honour knows the serious view the government would take of any such development.

**The Chairman:** Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.  
Progress reported.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) indicated earlier that a document would be tabled in response to a request of the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert). Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table income tax regulations amending P.C. 1972/1611 of July 27, 1972.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Since agreement was made in the committee rather than in the House, perhaps I should ask if there is agreement that the House commence consideration of the objections to the proposed electoral districts of the province of Quebec, pursuant to section 20 or the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, being chapter E-2 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970. Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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### REDISTRIBUTION

#### CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO COMMISSION REPORT ON QUEBEC

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** On June 8, 1973, a notice of objection in the form of a motion was filed with Mr. Speaker in the following terms, namely:

Proposed electoral districts of the province of Quebec:

That, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (chapter E-2, R.S.C., 1970), consideration be given by this House to the matter of an objection to the provisions of the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Quebec laid before this House by Mr. Speaker on Monday, May 14, 1973, on the grounds set forth hereafter:

(1) The commission made no allowance for geographic and economic considerations, and ignored or neglected problems of communication within and between the proposed districts;

(2) Except for Montreal, physical, social and economic cohesion is ignored in the proposed districts, thus destroying communities