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British Columbia receive 75 per cent of succession duties. I do not know why British Columbia is always tacked on the end. I would much prefer that members would refer to British Columbia and then come farther east, but I have noticed that the order is always Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. However, that is beside the point.

This whole matter could be resolved, as far as the federal administration is concerned, by turning over to the provinces 100 per cent of these taxes. Then we would not have to be concerned here about passing legislation complementing provincial legislation. We could get rid of the whole business by letting the provinces have 100 per cent of estate taxes.

I rose to support the motion that has been presented. I believe there are a great many other amendments that should be made in estate tax legislation, but the ones suggested today could be brought in without too much difficulty and would benefit a great number of people.

Mr. J. J. Greene (Renfrew South): Mr. Speaker, first of all I would commend the hon. member who introduced the motion. I would also indicate to him that he is in very select company in making this suggestion because the same or a similar suggestion has been put forward by the university women's club, the business and professional women's club and the women's institutes in various parts of the great riding of Renfrew South. Thus the hon. member is certainly in very select company when he makes this suggestion.

I would point out to the hon. member, however, that his motion refers specifically to family businesses and I think it envisages holdings of considerable size. Again, I think we should commend not only the Minister of

Finance (Mr. Gordon) but also his parliamentary secretary, who has been rather humble in taking praise in this regard, because between them they have brought before the house very powerful suggestions whereby Canadian business entities may be preserved.

On the question of succession duties I suggest that the right to pay over a period of years should be given not only to large family businesses, as the resolution appears to envisage, but particularly to the smaller estates of more humble persons, such as farm people who are subject to these duties. They should have the right to commute them, just as much as larger business enterprises.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Order. The hour for the consideration of private members' business has expired.

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Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the house leader to let us know what is in front of us for the next few days.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, we intend to complete the debate on the committee stage of the bill concerning farm credit, which we hope to finish tomorrow. After that we intend to proceed with interim supply. If there is time left on Friday we will proceed with the third reading of Bill No. C-90, to amend the National Defence Act, which has now come back from the committee.

Mr. Churchill: Not third reading; it will be in committee of the whole house.

Mr. Favreau: Yes, of course. We will take the committee stage and then hope to proceed with third reading. On Monday we will begin the debate on the flag resolution.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
