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that I note the deep interest showed by the hon. member in the matter of the recovery of alimony and maintenance. Undoubtedly, several of our Members, including the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan), are equally interested in this matter.

[English]

It had been my intention to say some words this afternoon about the enforcement provisions of the laws affecting divorce matters, particularly with regard to those who abscond or who in other ways default on court orders which, as several Members have noted, are enforced by the provincial courts. However, given the limited time available, I shall not attempt to enter into the details of the Bill before us including various legal questions that the Bill raises. I shall simply note that there has been some consultation, and I believe agreement, among Members today to the effect that the subject matter, although not the Bill itself, be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. Accordingly, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Verdun-Saint Paul (Mr. Savard):

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following therefor:

"Bill C-364, an Act respecting the recovery of alimony and maintenance, be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs".

• (1730)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Amendment agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion, as amended?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Accordingly, the order is discharged, the Bill is withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Order discharged and Bill withdrawn.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Pursuant to Standing Order 24(2), it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Shall all orders listed under Private Members' Notices of Motions preceding No. 87 be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

## INCOME TAX

### TRANSFER OF PORTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS FUND

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government, in pursuance of a policy of peace and peace-making, should consider the advisability of allowing residents of Canada who pay income tax to transfer a portion of their tax to a United Nations fund that is used for peace research and of having this amount calculated by taking the percentage of the national budget allocated to defence, which is currently 8.8 per cent.

He said: Mr. Speaker, first of all, on a point of order, I presume that there will be an extension of time to provide the full hour for debate on this motion?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Under the Standing Orders governing our proceedings, the Chair has no choice but to put the adjournment question at six o'clock.

**Mr. Manly:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity, even though time is short, to debate this motion calling on the Government to establish a fund for peace research. Today is a particularly appropriate day to debate such a motion. First of all, it is appropriate because of the visit of the United States Vice-President, George Bush, who is twisting Canada's arm to secure permission to test the Cruise missile on our territory. Secondly, it is appropriate because in the United States Congress today there is a continuing debate over the size of their defence budget, whether or not some \$9.3 billion should be slashed from the \$230 billion currently being allocated. Yesterday would also have been an appropriate day to debate this Bill because yesterday the death train arrived at Bangor, Washington, carrying nuclear warheads for the Trident submarine base. Last week would have been an appropriate time to debate this Bill when the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Lamontagne) spoke before the committee to defend his Estimates and refused to rule out the possibility of a first-strike nuclear attack by NATO. In fact, he explicitly reserved that possibility. In short, Mr. Speaker, this is an appropriate day to debate this motion because, like every day, the arms race proceeds apace. Unless we take action to stop it, our world is indeed doomed.

The motion asks the Government to allow Canadian taxpayers to earmark the percentage of income tax which would normally go to the Department of National Defence and divert that money into a United Nations fund for peace research. The important thing here is the principle; it does not need to be a United Nations fund. A Canada peace tax fund or a list of recognized non-governmental organizations with peace research activities could be established. The important thing is that Canadian taxpayers should be able to transfer tax money from so-called defence to purposes of peace.

This proposal is designed for two groups of people. These groups are not mutually exclusive, but rather one merges into the other. First of all, there is the group of conscientious objectors. There is a long association of people associated with the historic peace churches and conscientious objection to war. Conscientious objectors have won the right not to have to serve in the Armed Forces but to give alternate service during time