

Excise Tax Act

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 Grey (Beaver River)
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 Kilger (Stormont—Dundas)
 MacDonald (Dartmouth)
 MacWilliam
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 Speller
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 Harvey (Edmonton East)
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 Keyes
 Kristiansen
 MacLellan
 Manley
 McCurdy
 Mifflin
 Mitchell
 Parker
 Pickard
 Prud'homme
 Riis
 Rompkey
 Skelly (Comox—Alberni)
 Stewart
 Taylor
 Young (Gloucester)

• (2020)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval): Mr. Speaker, I abstained from voting on this motion this evening because I had the honour of being chosen to chair the legislative committee that will consider this Bill. So to show my impartiality, I abstained from voting.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): On a point of order, the Hon. Minister.

Mr. Mayer: I am sure you are aware, Mr. Speaker, that the Hon. Member for Calgary Northeast was absent for the vote, but he wanted me to convey to the House that if he had been here he would have abstained.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Regina—Lumsden on a point of order.

Mr. Benjamin: Whatever is going on in the ranks across the aisle, I remind Members that there is no such

thing as an abstention in the House of Commons. It means that the hon. gentleman was absent for the vote.

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EXCISE TAX ACT AND THE EXCISE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Tuesday, June 6, consideration of the motion of Mr. Loiselle that Bill C-20, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): When Bill C-20 was last before the House, the Hon. Member for Trois-Rivières had the floor and had completed his speech.

The question and comment period following the Hon. Member's speech is now available to Members, otherwise the Chair is prepared to recognize an Hon. Member for debate.

Since there are no questions or comments, the Hon. Member for Cambridge on debate.

Mr. Pat Sobeski (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, Bill C-20, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, contains legislative amendments required to implement the federal sales and excise tax and duty changes announced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) in his April Budget.

The Budget proposes tax increases across the range of major revenue sources: sales tax, excise levies, personal income tax, and corporate tax. A major element of the Government's revenue strategy is the replacement of the existing manufacturers' sales tax with a new system on January 1, 1991. Sales tax reform will be implemented in a manner consistent with the projected medium term debt plan.

Canadians will hardly be surprised that the largest single item in the budget expenditures consists of the public debt program, which provides for the interest and servicing costs of the public debt and for the issuing cost of new loans.

In the Budget the Minister of Finance identified Canada's large and growing public debt as a serious obstacle standing in the way of our continued economic and social programs. The Minister of Finance spoke of the need to address the problem of our accumulated