

*Government Orders*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Before we carry on with further business, Mr. Speaker has advised me that he would like to have all hon. members join him at 6.30 p.m. in Room 216 for his annual reception.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill S-9, an act to amalgamate the two corporations known respectively as the Governing Council of the Salvation Army Canada East and the Governing Council of the Salvation Army Canada West, and to make necessary provision regarding the charter of the amalgamated corporation to which the concurrence of the House is desired.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52**

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I sent notice to you earlier today that I would rise under the provisions of Standing Order 52 to seek leave to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent and pressing concern.

We have every indication now that the Senate will not pass Bill C-21 before the new year, and the government has not indicated any willingness to pass the annual variable entrance rates bill, as we have seen earlier today. As a result, in a few weeks, when the House is not sitting, the unemployed in depressed regions of the country will suddenly become ineligible for benefits. This means that the battle between the government and the Senate over the unfortunate amendments to the UI act will have significant civilian casualties, namely, the unemployed in the most hard-pressed economically hit areas of the country.

I believe it is our responsibility to ensure that unemployment insurance is provided in a fair and equitable way throughout Canada. I find it totally irresponsible for the government to engage in this game of brinkmanship with the Senate when the consequences will be felt, not by the members of either of these chambers, but by the thousands of Canadian families who will be deprived of the benefits to which they would normally be entitled.

For that reason, I am asking for an emergency debate on this later in the day.

**Mr. Speaker:** First of all I want to apologize to the hon. member for Kamloops for not being in the House. I was watching his presentation and I understand fully the content of it and, of course, have considered his application in writing which was given to me and was procedurally sound.

The matter is, of course, an important matter but I must advise the hon. member that, at least in my view, it does not meet the requirements of the Standing Order. It is an important matter and I thank the hon. member for bringing it to the attention of the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS***[English]***INCOME TAX ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-28, an act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, the Old Age Security Act, the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act and a related act, be read the third time and passed.

• (1650)

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Pierre H. Vincent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to speak on third reading of Bill C-28. I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that in the spirit of parliamentary co-operation and also in keeping with the holiday spirit, I will not take up too much of the House's time so that other members will also have a chance to make their comments. Besides, I made a fairly elaborate presentation on this bill on second reading.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, Bill C-28 arises from the budget brought down last April by the Minister of Finance and is in response to the objectives pursued by this government.