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churches as well where there are facilities. However, the communities need funds to fix up the facilities in order to get the daycare centres licensed. The federal government has a real responsibility to help in this area.

We also feel that the government should provide work-based child care programs and nine months of paid child care leave for federal government employees, as we have mentioned a number of times in the House. This should be an example to private industry. Two years ago in the House, I pressed for daycare here on the Hill to demonstrate that good daycare in the workplace is essential. It should not be provided only on the Hill but also in all federal departments and in private industry throughout the country. This is not, of course, the only kind of daycare. I think daycare close to home is often the preferred type of daycare for many families.

We would like to introduce amendments to the Canada Pension Plan to incorporate pension credits for those who are charged with the care of children under the age of seven. Once again, it is mainly women who are working in low-paid jobs in this most important field; women who not only do not receive adequate salaries for their efforts to keep daycare centres open while struggling with inadequate working conditions, but who do not receive pension credits either. Again, they will be the victims of the system. When they reach a later stage in life, they will find themselves poverty-ridden and seeking welfare because they will not have adequate pensions.

I mentioned earlier that income support programs to bring people above the poverty line are essential. I see that my time in which to speak has almost expired, so I will refer anyone who is interested to this report for further details. I would simply like to say that the high cost of living and continuing unemployment are having a drastic impact on the living conditions of Canadian families and children. Native children are suffering physically as well as emotionally, and this has been caused by the irresponsible federal government which is actually practising neglect in its lack of concern for native children. Provisions for licensed child care lag far behind most industrialized countries. We would like to see preventive services, and we proposed a program similar to New Horizons which would help to start many kinds of daycare and family support programs because preventive services are lacking and must be expanded and promoted.

Finally, the rights of children must be identified and protected. The recommendation of the health and welfare committee was that a children's bureau be established under the federal government which would give priority to children's needs. We wanted a minister responsible for children, and we wanted a major conference to negotiate with the provinces for ways and means to implement these recommendations immediately. This has not happened, and the Liberal government is directly responsible for this failure.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I think the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Weatherhead) seeks the floor, with the consent of the House. Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Weatherhead:** Mr. Speaker, under the rules of the House, this debate will continue on another occasion for an additional 30 minutes or so. We do have many comments to make on this very important subject, and, with Your Honour's permission, I would like to call it six o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business having expired, I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock this evening.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

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**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**NATIONAL HOUSING ACT  
CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**
**MEASURE TO AMEND**

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Cosgrove that Bill C-89, to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to speak in the debate on Bill C-89, an act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act. At the beginning, it is important that we recognize housing as one of the basic factors of human life. The kind of housing we provide says a great deal about the kind of people we are, and a great deal about the kind of people we hope to be.

Housing is a kind of touchstone. If we visit a new city or strange country, when we come back we want to talk about the kind of housing we have seen. We might talk about some of the grand mansions in some cities or we might talk about the shantytowns on the edges of those cities. Housing says something about the way we are as a people and how we see ourselves in relation to our world.

Consider, for example, pre-European west coast Indian housing. This housing blended very uniquely into its environment. It emphasized the total community of the Indian people with their surroundings. We can contrast that with the kind of Indian housing that was developed in Father William Duncan's mission village of Metlakatla. There are pictures of long rows of bleak identical looking frame buildings that stand out on the landscape. They symbolize European attempts to make