

Income Tax Act

refer the white paper on taxation to the Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs committee, noted the probable timetable of tax changes. He suggested the white paper would be studied until some time in 1970; tax changes would be introduced in 1971, and whatever benefit there may be for some people would become apparent when they file their income tax returns in the early part of 1972, just prior to a federal election.

However, if the Government did not continue the 3 per cent surtax into 1970, rather than allowing it to expire December 31, 1969, many people would find their taxes reduced by not as much as the Government now claims in its white paper or they would find their taxes increased by more than is shown in the white paper. This bill is part of a grand design to manipulate Canada's tax affairs in a way that will help the Liberal party at the next federal election. This bill is an attempt at subterfuge and illusion on the part of the Government. This proposal has had a very chequered history, as has already been indicated. The original legislation was to expire at the end of 1969. In his budget speech of last June, the Minister of Finance indicated that he wanted to have it renewed for reasons which, I have already indicated, no longer apply. This measure failed to pass at the last session not because it was held up in any way by the members of this House, but rather because the Government chose to debate the rules instead. The Government wanted to get its own way in respect of the iniquitous rule changes it was attempting at that time to foist upon the House, and eventually had to use the closure measure to achieve.

The present session commenced on October 22. One month later the Government finally got around to introducing this bill to put into effect this budgetary proposal of last June. Almost another month has gone by before we have been asked to debate the measure. I should note that this has taken place after the white paper on taxation has been published, and thus this proposal has been eclipsed. I assume there may have been some members supporting the government who thought that possibly one of the best ways of slipping this measure through this House with the least possible public attention would be to wait until the white paper on taxation had been published.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please.

[Mr. Burton.]

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): It is my duty pursuant to Standing Order 40 to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie)—Post Office—December Saturday delivery; the hon. member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Consumer Affairs—accident caused by spilling of sulphuric acid from toy car; the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter)—National Defence—Base Consolidation—Effect on maritime provinces.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills, notices of motion (papers), and public bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

STATEMENT ON DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I would ask with the consent of the House that the bills appearing in my name stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it agreed by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND ELECTRIC REDUCTION COMPANY

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West) moved:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, and the Government of the Province of Newfoundland or any of its agencies regarding the establishment of the Electric Reduction Company phosphorous plant 1 at Long Harbour, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland.

He said: Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 1969, I caused to be placed on the Order Paper a Notice of Motion for the production of copies of all correspondence exchanged between the