

Private Members' Business

With the lack of need to spend the \$1.4 billion on future day care facilities, given that the present ones would be sufficient to handle the demand for the waiting list of 25,000 people, those would be additional funds that would be available. Although the Liberals now are not going to spend that money, which they promised they would in the red book. It looks like another broken promise from their election trail.

In summary, it is an important mathematical dollar item to consider. We have to consider whether the current system with six different ways of providing child care assistance in this country is sufficient. Is it meeting the needs of the people? My presentation today has shown sufficient cause for the need to address this. It is not sufficient.

There are some solutions. I have offered some. It may not be the total answer, but it offers a solution through consolidation and giving people the choice, helping to put the money in the families' hands and letting them decide how to spend that money. After all, they earned it in the first place. They should know better how to spend it, not the state and not funding institutions.

This government should consider a method of child care support and child care payments in its social engineering and its social package that would truly leave more money available for people. Let them have the choice. Also, reduce the overall cost. Despite what the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance said, if we consolidated this plan it would save this country \$1 billion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): There being no further members rising for debate, and the motion not being designated

as a votable item, the time provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. Paper.

Mr. Silye: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. For those members present in the House, I would like to seek unanimous consent. I know this bill is non-votable and was deemed as such by the subcommittee. However, after due consideration by all members in this House, would the members give unanimous consent to make C-247 votable?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Silye: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to move that the bill be not now read a second time, but because of discriminatory challenges to the Income Tax Act and Parliament's commitment to end child poverty by the year 2000, that the subject matter of the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and that accordingly the bill be withdrawn.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Accordingly the order is dropped from the Order Paper. It being 2.40 p.m. the House stands adjourned until Monday, March 13, 1995 at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Orders 28 and 24.

(The House adjourned at 2.39 p.m.)