

gration. I am sorry the Minister of State for Urban Affairs has left, because this question would have interested him. Since unemployed persons may receive unemployment insurance benefits even when not registered with a Manpower placement centre, what measure is the minister taking to ensure that these persons are available for employment and accept appropriate employment when it is offered?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Although the question does not make it clear, the hon. member must be referring to union hiring halls in the construction industry. I would assure the hon. member that we have negotiated an understanding with 175 of these hiring halls that the Unemployment Insurance Commission will have access to the records related to the verification of the availability for work of their members within the hiring hall system. I would also add that union hiring halls are the offshoot of negotiations between management, the businesses involved and the unions, and have not been instigated by the federal government. Much of this of course is under the jurisdiction of the provincial governments. To return to my first comment, we have been negotiating satisfactory arrangements for the monitoring of these activities with the union hiring halls, and this has been going on for the last several months.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** I would ask the minister if he can clarify when these arrangements were made for co-ordination between Manpower centres and union hiring halls, because we hear that the construction industry in British Columbia has great difficulty in finding manpower for their operations.

**Mr. Andras:** These negotiations have been under way over a period of about a year, I think. We have had great success in reaching agreement with the various unions involved in every province with the exception of the province of Quebec which has special problems at present.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Before calling orders of the day, I wonder if we could have the consent of the House to return to the introduction of bills so that the hon. member for Capilano may have leave to introduce a bill which was overlooked earlier. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL ALIMONY AND MAINTENANCE ORDER ENFORCEMENT ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH AGENCY TO ENFORCE INTERPROVINCIAL PAYMENT OF ALIMONY

**Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-377, respecting the interprovincial enforcement of alimony and maintenance orders.

### Income Tax Act

He said: Mr. Speaker, this is the reintroduction of a similar bill presented to the twenty-ninth parliament by the hon. member for York North (Mr. Danson). I continue to be concerned at the injustice imposed on thousands of deserted or divorced mothers who have obtained maintenance orders in one province that cannot be enforced because the deserting or departed spouse takes up residence in another provincial jurisdiction.

This bill, which purports to establish, with the approval of all provinces, an agency to enforce in one province alimony and maintenance orders issued in another, is admittedly only a first step. It is hoped that from this bill will flow a government measure providing for the automatic and guaranteed payment of alimony and maintenance orders awarded by the court and for the federal and provincial governments to be responsible for collecting these payments. 1975 is International Women's Year. This bill is a compassionate measure to correct an area of injustice to thousands of mothers.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1.08 p.m. the House took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### INCOME TAX ACT

The House resumed from Thursday, February 13, consideration in committee of Bill C-49, to amend the statute law relating to income tax—Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton)—Mr. Laniel in the chair.

**The Chairman:** When the committee rose last evening clause 7 as amended was under consideration. It had been suggested that it be stood, but at the request of the hon. member for York-Simcoe it remained under discussion. The hon. member for York-Simcoe.

On clause 7.

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Chairman, when I asked that clause 7 be not stood I intended it to be open for further discussion and debate with specific reference to the real estate implications of this section. My colleague from Kingston and the Islands wishes to make some remarks on clause 7, and I would like to defer my time to her, although I will have some further comments to make myself.

While I am on my feet perhaps I should make some passing comment in regard to the unfortunate reference made by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs during question period today when he implied that I had been