

Excise Tax Act

outside the House, that it is the responsibility of the minister to defend the contents of the budget.

This budget will increase the degree of inflation which has become a cruel and crushing burden for all Canadians but especially for the poor and the elderly who are on fixed incomes.

Mr. Railton: It will get worse.

Mr. Muir: I hear the doctor from Welland, I believe it is, saying it will get worse. I hope it will not get worse and I feel badly that a member supporting the government would make the statement that it will get worse.

Mr. Railton: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I should like to point out that the hon. member did not use the proper term when he referred to me as "the doctor from Welland". I might say that there are many doctors from Welland. I should also like to point out that when I suggested it was going to get worse, I meant that—

Some hon. Members: Order!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Order, please. It is not proper for the hon. member to enter the debate at this point. The hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys (Mr. Muir) has the floor.

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member. He is a member of an honourable profession and I did not think I was slurring or hurting him when I referred to him as "doctor". In any event, I will certainly not refer to him as the charming lady from Welland.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if there is someone on the other side of the House who knows the intentions of the government regarding the business for tomorrow and can inform the House.

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that we will continue with this bill.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.