

We who are already old, need not agree with Browning's comment on old age that "the best is yet to be." If we cannot ensure that they are the best of years, we can at the very least ensure, by the decency of what we do here, that those years are lived with dignity and freedom from want. All we have to do is use this "found" money, which is part of our birthright, from the energy pricing agreement, to relieve the bitter years of people who have gone without for too long.

The various heritage funds—and there will be more in this country, as I have indicated—can, by assigning only a tiny portion of their enormous incomes, relieve the burden of the

poor and wage a real war on poverty. In this connection, it is time to end the phoney war.

The Minister of Finance said that he wants to deal in fairness and equity. That is all we ask.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, Senator Bonnell is not here. I think, since he is the chairman of the committee that made the report, I should adjourn the debate in his name, and leave it to him.

On motion of Senator Frith, for Senator Bonnell, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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