

Notice of Ways and Means Motion to Amend the Excise Tax Act (2)

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Excise Tax Act to establish a telecommunication programming services tax, and to provide among other things:

1. That a tax be imposed, levied and collected at the rate of six per cent on the amount charged for or in respect of the provision of a taxable service, payable by the person providing the service at the earlier of the time the amount charged is paid or payable.
2. That the tax imposed by the said measure be binding on Her Majesty in right of Canada and in right of any province.
3. That for purposes of the said measure
 - (a) the "amount charged" for or in respect of the provision of a taxable service be defined as any amount paid or payable by a person for or in respect of the provision of a taxable service before any amount payable in respect of any tax imposed pursuant to any enactment founded on this motion or imposed under an Act of the legislature of a province respecting retail sales tax is added thereto;
 - (b) "broadcasting" be defined as any radiocommunication in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public;
 - (c) "licensee" be defined as any person to whom a licence has been issued for purposes of the said measure and include any person required to apply for a licence;
 - (d) "programming service" be defined as any presentation of sound or visual matter designed to inform, enlighten or entertain, of a nature or kind that is broadcast by radio or television stations;
 - (e) "small undertaking resident in Canada" include a person or a corporation, as the case may be, that is a small undertaking and is described in paragraph 250(1)(a) or subsections 250(3) and (4) of the *Income Tax Act*;
 - (f) "small undertaking" in a month be defined as a person who, in that month, provides a taxable service
 - (i) where the aggregate of the number of persons to whom a taxable service is provided by him and by any person related to him for an amount charged and by any person to whom he or any person related to him provides a taxable service for an amount charged does not exceed two hundred in that month or in any month in the immediately preceding year, or