

Time Allocation

Mr. McDermid: A "portion" of their income.

Mr. Milliken: The hon. minister of state for privatization is getting excited again. Certainly it is a portion of their income, but it is their old age security pension that is being attacked in this way.

• (1530)

Mr. McDermid: Got to keep you honest. The people from Kingston and the Islands are honest.

Mr. Milliken: I agree with the hon. minister that people from Kingston and the Islands are honest. I do not disagree with him one bit on that statement. But the fact is that part of people's income is being taxed at 100 per cent. No other kind of income is treated in this way under the tax laws of Canada.

Mr. McDermid: Part of my income is taxed 100 per cent, too.

Mr. Milliken: Hon. members opposite are getting overwrought. The minister of state says part of his income is being taxed at over 100 per cent. I say to him, he does not have an Old Age Security pension and he is not getting taxed on that particular portion of his income.

Mr. Andre: Family allowance is taxed to death.

Mr. Milliken: Family allowances, also. I am sorry, I forgot about his family allowance. Not being a family man, I am not concerned about the family allowance in the sense that I am unaware of my family allowance being taxed back. But I agree with the minister, he should be ashamed that that kind of income is being taxed in this way too. It is highly discriminatory. It is highly unfair and the minister knows that. He should oppose this bill.

Here we have the largest cabinet in history, 38 members of the cabinet sitting in this House. If there were any sense of democracy in that group, surely they would get together in the cabinet room and vote down this kind of bill. Surely they would say to the Minister of Finance that this breaches all sense of decency, of fairness, of equity, of propriety, and of justice, I say to the minister. Yet 38 of them did not manage to vote this down. Where is the sense of democracy in the treasury benches opposite? I ask the Minister of Justice, why did he not put to his colleagues the question of whether there would be time allocation on this bill this afternoon? Surely, if he had put that question to his colleagues they would have said: "No, Mr. Minister, we cannot have time

allocation on such an important and unfair measure", and surely the minister would then have agreed.

I ask the minister to stand up in the House in the minute remaining in this debate and withdraw his motion so we can proceed with detailed consideration of this bill as it requires.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 158)

YEAS

Members

Anderson	Andre
Atkinson	Attewell
Beatty	Bernier
Bertrand	Blais
Blenkarn	Bosley
Bouchard (Roberval)	Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean)
Bourgault	Boyer
Brightwell	Browes
Cadieux	Cardiff
Casey	Chadwick
Champagne (Champlain)	Charest
Clark (Brandon—Souris)	Cole
Collins	Cook
Cooper	Corbeil
Corbett	Côté
Couture	Crosby (Halifax West)
Darling	DeBlois
de Cotret	Desjardins
Dommm	Dorin
Duplessis	Edwards
Epp	Fee
Feltham	Ferland
Fontaine	Friesen
Gérin	Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)