

S.O. 22

Today, speaking on behalf of all my colleagues, the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) and the entire Cabinet, I wish to offer his family the customary condolences, and I want them to know we shall remember with respect his contribution to the House of Commons and the manner in which he served a community which he represented so faithfully and so well.

[English]

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my two colleagues in paying tribute to Mr. Gérard Duquet for his service both to Canada as a whole and to his community in particular. Mr. Duquet, as I had come to know him, brought to the House of Commons a considerable breadth of experience, not only in matters parliamentary but in terms of the community which he served and the business world. He was very highly regarded by his associates in business throughout the time leading up to his election to the House of Commons. He brought to the many committees of the House that he sat on a perspective which is so necessary in coming to decisions.

● (1405)

He was also representative of a large number of the people within the province that he served so well, representing them not only here but within the many organizations that stem and flow from the Province of Quebec. I want to extend on behalf of my colleagues, and to join with those of other Members of Parliament, our deepest sympathies to his family and to his friends.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the House would want to show its respect and its sympathy in the usual way.

[Editor's Note: Whereupon the House stood in silence.]

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to Statements Under Standing Order 22 with eight minutes extended.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 22

[English]

AGRICULTURE

SUGAR-BEET INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA AND MANITOBA

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I want to spend a few moments talking about an industry in western Canada that is in danger of dying, an industry which has importance for something like 50 communities, and which is now desperate for some assistance from the Government. I speak of the sugar-beet industry, which over the years has provided a very important source of income and employment in the Provinces of Alberta and Manitoba.

Unless a decision is made this week on a national sugar policy, that industry will not be in a position to plant a crop next year. That will mean the livelihood of many farmers and

producers, as well as of many workers in the sugar refining plant in Winnipeg, will cease to exist. That is not necessary since there have been widespread consultations and many promises.

There have been commitments for action on the part of the Government. What has been missing is an answer to the serious plight of that industry. The time is growing short, and unless some specific response is made within a matter of a few days we will no longer have a very important industry in a very important region of our country.

I rise today to urge the members of the Cabinet to come to grips with the sugar-beet problem in Canada and to come forward with a policy so that industry can survive.

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[Translation]

TAXATION

INCOME TAX ACT 1985

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa-Centre): Mr. Speaker, since my colleagues conducting the New Democratic Party's 1986 tax review are already in Winnipeg today to start our national tour and consult with Canadians on the tax system, I would like to demonstrate the straightforwardness and clarity of our legislation with a reading from the Canadian Income Tax Act, 1985.

This is Section 110.1(3):

(3) **Idem.** For the purposes of this section, subject to subsection (2), interest included in computing a taxpayer's income for a taxation year shall be deemed to include

(a) the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an annuity payment included by virtue of paragraph 56(1)(d) in computing the taxpayer's income for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the capital element of the payment as determined or established under paragraph 60(a);

(b) the amount, if any, by which

(i) the aggregate of amounts each of which is an amount included by virtue of subsection 148(1) or (1.1) in computing the taxpayer's income for the year in respect of the disposition of an interest in a life insurance policy exceeds

(ii) the portion thereof arising from a disposition described in subparagraph 148(9)(c)(ii) in respect of that policy; and

(c) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount included—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

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[English]

ABORTION

DISPOSAL OF BODIES OF ABORTED BABIES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada's figures show that from 1975 to 1983 there were