

*Canadian Policy on Broadcasting***OLD AGE SECURITY****REQUEST THAT MEANS TEST BE ELIMINATED**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lee Grills (Hastings South): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare but in his absence I will direct it to the right hon. Prime Minister. Owing to the confusion of thousands of our senior citizens who are now being asked to apply again for supplementary benefits to old age pensions for next year, and also the effect on veterans' benefits which have been reduced, will the government give consideration to eliminating the means test?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that this question is much too wide in scope to be asked on orders of the day.

CANADA PENSION PLAN**REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN EXEMPTIONS
RESPECTING TRANSIENT LABOUR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Earlier this year tobacco growers, fruit growers and other agricultural producers who have to depend on transient labour to plant and harvest their crops urged the government to raise the exemption for contributions under the Canada Pension Plan from 24 days work or \$240 in earnings to 40 days work or \$600 in earnings. Has the minister reached a conclusion with regard to this question?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to representatives of farm organizations in this regard. This matter, of course, requires a legislative change in the Canada Pension Plan, which legislation the government has agreed not to change without consulting the provinces. I have assured the farm organizations that when such consultation takes place, as in due course it must, their representation in this regard will be raised with the provinces at that time.

BROADCASTING**IMPLEMENTATION OF CANADIAN POLICY**

The house resumed, from Monday, November 6, consideration of the motion of Miss LaMarsh for the second reading of Bill No. C-163, to implement a broadcasting policy for [Mr. Speaker.]

Canada, to amend the Radio Act in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential and related provisions.

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Last night before ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker, I was discussing the responsibility of this house to Canadian parents and families in providing through Bill C-163 a vehicle which will bring broadcasting, both public and private, under adequate and effective control so as to assure families and parents that television programming will be of a type that will strengthen the family unit, encourage character building and inspire the nation to build a clean, strong and free society in which there is respect for integrity, law and authority.

The petition of 80,000 women presented to the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) and to members of this house a few years ago stated that the true function of the C.B.C. should be to help raise a generation with strength, character and the courageous leadership that the opportunities of this age demand. I stated that while many C.B.C. programs are commendable, such as the very positive and constructive job of portraying the best of our centennial celebrations, many others are rotten trash which undermine the family, the faith and morality of the home, and degrade human character. I also referred to the fact that all too often a small, misguided minority, usually producers, carry on this type of activity in defiance of management and government policy. Therefore the legislation that we are considering must have teeth in it to stop and control this type of thing. The taxpayers who subsidize this multimillion dollar industry must have some say in the affairs of their public broadcasting facility.

A good example of what I am referring to, Mr. Speaker, was the program last Sunday night between ten and eleven o'clock on abortion, produced by Patrick Watson. To say the least, in the setting that it was aired this film was pornography at its worst, pure unadulterated evil watched by millions of families, by children, and by young girls serving as babysitters. Was this a program for young girls? Was it not possible to discuss the controversial issue of legalized abortion in a rational and reasonable way without showing everything, including the screaming of a hysterical girl undergoing an abortion operation?

Another point in question concerns national unity. The Prime Minister has said this is our most vital and urgent problem. Yet last night a great deal of time was given to René Lévesque and his radical separatist views