

*Adjournment Debate*

vation. A large part of the problem appeared to lie in the structure of the CHIP grant which had the effect of encouraging some inflated prices and some questionable sales techniques, such as the marketing of attic and weatherstripping "specials" priced at or near the amount of the CHIP grant. To ameliorate the situation, on November 9 the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien) announced changes in the grant formula and criteria of CHIP. These changes are intended to achieve more effective conservation activity and contribute toward the energy budget savings announced on October 27 by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde).

Briefly, the changes to CHIP include that a home owner doing his own insulation work would obtain a CHIP grant on

60 per cent of the insulation materials, up to a maximum of \$500. Originally, CHIP provided 100 per cent of material costs and 33.33 per cent of labour costs. Second, for work done by a contractor, 60 per cent of the contractor's bill would earn a CHIP grant, up to a maximum of \$500. However, the home owner will be required to file a copy of the contractor's billing, showing a breakdown on labour and material costs so that the several costs could be checked by CHIP administrators against acceptable standards.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

At 10.29 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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