

Tax Rebate Discounting Act

that I would now defer all votes with regard to Bill C-79 until five o'clock.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. You are now about to proceed to Bill C-83.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I am.

Mr. Deans: I would simply like to ask that all the motions which are on the Order Paper be deemed to have been moved for the purpose of the debate.

Mr. Lewis: We are in agreement with that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will have to deal with that in a minute.

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TAX REBATE DISCOUNTING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-83, an Act to amend the Tax Rebate Discounting Act, as reported (without amendment) from a legislative committee.

Mr. Speaker: I am prepared to deem the motions which are in order to have been moved. However, I must indicate to the House the following. In my view, Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which are in order, will be grouped for debate. Motion No. 1 will be voted on separately. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 2 will obviate the necessity of a vote on Motion No. 3. A negative vote on Motion No. 2 will require the question to be put on Motion No. 3. Motions Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are out of order, since they attempt to introduce in the parent Act a definition which was not contemplated in the Bill at second reading and, therefore, are beyond the scope of the Bill. I refer Hon. Members to Beauchesne's Fifth Edition Citation 773(1).

Motions Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 are in order and should be debated and voted on separately. However, for the purpose of this understanding I suggest that we simply deem all the in order Motions, that is Motions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, to have been moved and to be before the House and grouped for debate for this Special Order.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North) moved:

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 1 by striking out line 15 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"ninety-nine per cent of the refund of".

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau) moved:

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 1 by striking out lines 16 to 22 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"tax,

(b) where the refund of tax is greater than three hundred dollars but less than nine hundred dollars, two hundred and fifty-five dollars plus ninety-five per cent of the amount by which the refund of tax is greater than three hundred dollars, or

(c) where the refund of tax is equal to or greater than nine hundred dollars, eight hundred and twenty-five dollars plus one hundred per cent of the amount by which the refund of tax is greater than nine hundred dollars;"

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North) moved:

Motion No. 3

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 1 by striking out line 19 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"dred and eighty-five dollars plus ninety"

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 1 by adding immediately after line 9 at page 2 the following:

"(4) A person using a discounter for the preparation of income tax under the Income Tax Act shall be entitled to the rights of information, impartiality, courtesy and consideration and presumption of honesty as stated in the Revenue Canada document, Declaration of Taxpayer Rights."

Motion No. 8

That Bill C-83, be amended in clause 2 by striking out line 28 at page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

"client's return of income tax to a standard deemed acceptable by generally accepted standards of professional tax preparers or for any other".

Motion No. 9

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out line 28 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"(ii) a".

Motion No. 10

That Bill C-83, be amended in Clause 2 by adding immediately after line 18 at page 4 the following:

"including the discount rate as an annual rate, calculated as a percentage for the following time periods: four weeks, six weeks, eight weeks, twelve weeks;"

Mr. Speaker: Therefore, I propose to recognize the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet).

[*Translation*]

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I want to appeal to the Conservative Government one last time to accept two amendments to the Tax Rebate Discounting Act.

First of all, I want to thank the Hon. Members for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps), Grand Galls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey) and Laurier (Mr. Berger) for their contribution to the work and proceedings of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-83.

I regret the absence of the Hon. Member for Saint-Michel-Ahuntsic (Mrs. Killens), the official critic for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, who I am sure would have liked to take part in the debate on this Bill. I hope she was able to notice that the Members who took over her responsibilities in connection with this Bill fought vigorously on her behalf and on behalf of the needy families in this country. This fact should be of some comfort to her and help her get well soon and come back to the House at the beginning of 1986.

Mr. Speaker, the work done by my colleagues and myself has demonstrated our desire to serve this institution and especially the neediest families in Canada. The important thing, to us, is to make an effort to show that we are on the side of the little man. It is quite obvious that the Bill does not at all meet the expectations of the neediest families in Canada.