

Private Members' Business

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would like to remind all members that the vote on Motion No. 4 will dispose of Motion No. 5. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt Motion No. 4?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

Some hon. members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Negatived on division.

Motion No. 4 negatived.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jake Epp (for the Minister of Agriculture) moved that Bill C-54, an act to amend the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act and other acts in consequence thereof, as amended, be concurred in.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some hon. members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to.

SITTING SUSPENDED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Since we have disposed of Bill C-54 and the Chair has no other indication, am I to understand that hon. members would agree to have the House suspend its proceedings until five o'clock, the time provided for Private Members' Business?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The sitting of the House is therefore suspended until five o'clock this afternoon.

The sitting of the House was suspended at 4.13 p.m.

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 5.00 p.m.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Ottawa South—Air Transport; the honour member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception—Hibernia; the hon. member for Drummond—General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; the hon. member for Don Valley East—Pensions; the hon. member for London East—The Economy.

It being five o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 36, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[*English*]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre) moved that Bill C-300, an act to amend the Income Tax Act (tuition credit and education credit), be read the second time and referred to Legislative Committee E.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to rise to speak to this bill today.

There are two fundamental areas where no one is going to dispute that government should be involved: health and education. This bill deals specifically with education.

The purpose of this bill is to provide a tax deduction for Canadians who incur costs for educational programs, tutors and so on; programs that are required but are not available through any public educational facility.

There has been a lot of concern and a lot of attention placed toward the education of Canadians, particularly in the last few years. We have heard that 30 per cent of high school students do not finish high school. The government, to its credit, has started a stay in school initiative which is to be commended. We still have a lot of students not finishing school because of social or cultural factors. They may be from broken homes, they may be drug or alcohol abusers or they may just choose to leave.