

Family Allowances Act

However, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) would not have the audacity to stand in this Chamber and dispute what the Conservatives are saying because the present Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), the last Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister before had nothing to do with the job creation that this Hon. Member is talking about. If he would analyze it on a month-to-month basis, using Statistics Canada figures, he would find that this is so.

They should not dare to stand up and say "we created these jobs". That is like a lot of things with this Government. Do you know who said on December 21, 1984, on page 1459 of the *House of Commons Debates* the following: "All savings generated from any changes will be redistributed to social programs and will not be applied to deficit reduction"? The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp), who is now saying that we need to reduce the deficit, said that. Who said, on November 17, 1984, in an interview with *The Toronto Star* in response to the question, "Would the commitment be that all money that is saved would be applied directly to giving more money to the neediest?", "There would be, there could

be, no other reason". The question was asked, "It wouldn't be applied simply to the deficit?" And the answer was, "No, absolutely not". Do you know who said that, Mr. Speaker? The Prime Minister of this country.

Now we hear Government Members standing up and pointing out how bad the deficit is and saying that we now need to cut family allowances. Why are they cutting 22 cents here and 22 cents there? They say it is to reduce the deficit. Mr. Speaker, that is not good enough for the families in this country who are living on an income between \$5,000 and \$10,000 with five or six children.

Mr. Speaker, I see that you are saying my time is up. I am sure you will allow me to continue this excellent debate at the next sitting.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being six o'clock p.m., the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.