

Adjournment Debate

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Kristiansen: Mr. Speaker, could you call for order. One point I want to make in a very short submission has to do with the lack of provision in this Bill to allow for tax incentives for the renovation of heritage properties in Canada. While we had a great many reservations about the November 1981 budget, many of us were pleased to see a provision which got rid of one of the incentives for destroying heritage property in this country. For the sake of those Members and for Canadians who were concerned about the preservation of our long-standing structures and the labour of love over the past century which has gone into the creation and then the maintenance of these, we were pleased to see that provision in November 1981.

The community of the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald) and my own of Nelson, B.C. have a great deal at stake in the maintenance of the programs of the Heritage Canada Foundation. I live in what is probably one of the oldest communities in western Canada. It is not just a few people on a committee but a host of citizens across this country who feel very strongly about our heritage and about these buildings, which have been part of the history not only of our own families but of those we have worked with and known over the years.

We do not want a series of strip cities across Canada. We do not want to see repeated in this country Chicken-Little joints stretching for miles on end, where one end of the country begins to look exactly like the other. We all have our own individual history. This makes us unique and special.

Surely it is not too much to ask that the Government give special consideration to the representations it has received from myself, other Members, communities and cities across the country asking it to go the second step. In November 1981 it dealt with the former incentive to the destruction of heritage buildings. It could now decide in a general or in a specific way to deal with heritage sites in terms of certain dates of construction and give special tax incentives. This would help save what is left of the cores and the history of various communities.

When our heritage buildings are destroyed, a little of each of us and a little of this country dies. I ask, on behalf of thousands of Canadians and hundreds of communities vitally concerned, that at the appropriate time the Government give consideration to putting in place such measures.

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, if only I could give to the House Leader quick and easy passage of a Bill that he says is somehow for the benefit of Canadians. I wonder how this Doomsday Book, which is in fact the Income Tax Act, will benefit Canadians by its passage. It will not benefit them. It will hurt the very productive generator that could give us recovery. Instead of its being packed with possibilities of creating recovery for this economy—

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I want to welcome back the Hon. Member. However, I wish he would speak to the Bill. We would be glad to listen to his speech for once.

Mr. Wenman: I wish it were not drawing so close to six o'clock. I could give a bit of information about the damage this income tax Bill is doing and the damage this Government is doing to the small business community in my riding. When I get a small-businessman that has been taken down one, two, three, four, the whole community starts collapsing as a result of a repressive Government which demands too much of the productivity of this nation. I want to talk about this, not for one minute or half a minute, but for ten minutes today and ten minutes the day after and every other chance I get. The economy of this nation is in trouble right now.

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PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

NATIONAL PARKS—QUALITY OF BANFF WATER SUPPLY. (B) IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, for over a year now, the people of Banff and the tourists who visit Banff have been plagued with a disease called "Giardia". A Public Health Notice is placed in most hotels and restaurants and other public places which reads:

Due to the presence of Giardia in the Banff water supply, until further notice, all residents and visitors are advised to boil water (for five minutes) prior to drinking, and use boiled water for cleaning teeth, washing of fresh vegetables, food and other non-cooked food.

Signed
Parks Canada, March 29th, 1982

Giardia is an organism which exists in two forms: first, as a free-living trophocyte—the reproductive stage; second, as an encapsulated cyst which is the most commonly found form outside the host organism. Only the cystic form is infectious to man. The trophocyte is destroyed during passage through the early stages of the digestive process while the cyst survives the initial stages of digestion until it reaches the small intestine where environmental conditions support the emergence of the trophocyte form.

The effect of Giardia on people includes diarrhea, abdominal cramps and weight loss, with recovery in two to six weeks; a small percentage of those suffering from Giardiasis may have severe disease.

Authorities who have had experience with the Giardia cyst, advise that there are two methods to eliminate Giardia cysts from water. One consists of removal by filtration and the other entails the use of chemical treatment such as chlorine or iodine. One authority states that 99 per cent of all cysts introduced into a water treatment plant can be removed by the