

study carried out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1955 on non-farm family and individual incomes showed that 77.9 per cent of Canadian families and individuals ostensibly earn less than \$5,000 a year.

In the light of this national need I must call attention to the fact that the Leader of the present Opposition in the House of Commons pledged his party to establish, in consultation with the provinces and the National Conference of Universities, a national scheme of 2,500 Canada scholarships and 7,500 Canada bursaries valued respectively at \$1,000 and \$500 annually. Because these scholarships and bursaries would be tenable for four years, the final total number of scholarships and bursaries would involve some 40,000 students. Our present university enrolment is 85,000, and it is growing more rapidly than we expected. We are now helping some 18,000 students. So, if we help another 40,000, by the time the scheme gets into operation, we would be giving assistance to approximately half our student enrolment. It is estimated that the final cost of this plan, after four years of operation and when the total load has become established, would be \$25 million a year, and we could relate this sum to the increased federal expenditures at present envisaged. An additional and important part of this practical program involves the National Student Loan Fund from which university students would be able to borrow interest-free money to continue their education, with re-payment at 4 per cent interest to commence one year after graduation.

I commend this particular program to the attention of the Government of the day.

I notice that the Honourable Mr. Pearson is asking the House of Commons to consider a resolution which would bring into legislative being this national human resources development project of scholarships, bursaries and loans. I, for one, shall watch with great interest the acid test involved in the substantive and tactical treatment which will be accorded to this resolution by the present Government.

Honourable senators, I apologize for taking so much of your time, and I am grateful for the close attention you have given me.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck, debate adjourned.

DIVORCE

BILLS SECOND READINGS

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the second reading of the following bills.

Bill SD-1, for the relief of Valija Zvirgzds Kazaks.

Bill SD-2, for the relief of Joyce Florence Taylor Larman.

Bill SD-3, for the relief of Kathleen Margaret Coffin Barre.

Bill SD-4, for the relief of Freda Bernadette Godin Headland.

Bill SD-5, for the relief of Bruno Bedard.

Bill SD-6, for the relief of Stefania Sobol Wojtowicz.

Bill SD-7, for the relief of Elizabeth Antonie Hartmann Elstermann, otherwise known as Elizabeth Antonie Hartmann Von Elstermann.

Bill SD-8, for the relief of Ruth Ellen McMullin Gosnell.

Bill SD-9, for the relief of Beatrice Bellamy Drysdale Scott.

Bill SD-10, for the relief of John Ronald MacCuaig.

Bill SD-11, for the relief of Edith Ann Van Horne Beattie, otherwise known as Beverley Ann Van Horne Beattie.

Bill SD-12, for the relief of Constance Liliias Crawford Booth.

Bill SD-13, for the relief of Henry Krupa.

Bill SD-14, for the relief of Ferenc Tamas Kalman Laczko.

Motion agreed to and bills read second time, on division.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Next sitting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 31 to 67, which were presented yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck moved that the reports be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I had expected that a Supply Bill would reach us from the other place for first reading here today, but I have just now received a note saying that sufficient progress has not been made for that to happen. As it is unlikely that the bill will reach us before tomorrow, I have no alternative but to move, seconded by honourable Senator Quinn, that the Senate do now adjourn.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Did I understand the honourable leader to say that the Supply Bill will not come before us today, but is expected to reach us tomorrow?