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attitude, to reward savings since, without savings, there can be no investment and, I contend, no new jobs for the future.

I agree, though not often, with Professor Lawrence Klein, a Keynesian economist, at the University of Pennsylvania, who wrote the following:

We must go from being a high-consumption economy to being a high-saving economy if we are to re-industrialize and improve our standard of living.

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In this review of tax policy, could the parliamentary secretary tell us where there is any inducement in the bill to increasing savings, as he mentioned? Can he at least give us the clause?

Mr. Evans: Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. The rates of return offered by such measures as the small business development bond and the MURBs will be an inducement to saving. It will help individuals to put away money which they might otherwise have consumed in the current period, and to invest it for the development of small businesses and rental accommodations for the future. It is intuitively obvious that general and specific provisions are included in that particular piece of legislation.

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on another point of order. Perhaps the parliamentary secretary could explain how the massive reductions in the depletion allowance and depreciation help savings?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I should like to remind the hon. member that oral question period is usually between two and three o'clock.

Mr. Evans: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure in future discussions the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) and myself can resolve the problem he seems to have raised.

Miss MacDonald: Just talk to the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) about it.

Mr. Evans: We must promote policies which reward saving. I cannot believe the vast majority of members opposite, as well as members on this side, would disagree with that particular policy. I hope we will work together to develop policies which will reward saving, and allow a fair rate of return on investment, if we are to improve our deteriorating growth of productivity, if we are to create the industries and secure jobs of the future which I know all members are extremely anxious to provide. We must be willing to sacrifice some current consumption for a much better future. As the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) so aptly put it in his much-maligned and misunderstood statement, we must reorder our priorities. I think that is an intuitively and eminently sensible thing to be said at this point in our history.

It must be emphasized that the changes to which I refer are not a matter of choice; they are a matter of necessity. The world is changing rapidly. We must change, adapt, or we will surely be left behind. Our industries must be encouraged to modernize, to engage in research and development, to develop

new products and processes, to become more efficient and competitive. In the future Canada will face stiff competition from abroad. The GATT will force us to respond; the less developed countries will force us to respond. We must begin to reduce institutional rigidities in our labour and capital markets. We must begin to enhance, not restrict, the free flow of labour, capital, goods, services and ideas across the country. We will not have the luxury of choice in this matter; we will do it now or it will be forced upon us later.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman)—External Aid—Consideration of tripartite aid to Third World countries; the hon. member for Algoma (Mr. Foster)—Municipal Affairs—Request for extension of community services contribution program; the hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo)—Grain—Reimbursement of producers for loss of income from depressed prices.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTIONS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Item No. 14, the hon. member for Lévis (Mr. Guay). Shall the item stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Stand by unanimous consent?

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I made reference to this matter the other day. Motion No. 14 is in the name of the hon. member for Lévis who resigned this House some time ago. I draw that to Your Honour's attention. Perhaps we could decide whether or not that item should be stood. It seems somewhat silly to stand a motion if the member is not now in the House.