

The Hon. Member comes from British Columbia. She can make quite a comparison as well between the behaviour of her provincial Government and the behaviour of the Canadian Government during that period. I would like to remind the Hon. Member that we have not only maintained our support for people in need during this period of recession, but we have increased it, and in the last Budget we used the funds we had available to come to the assistance of those most in need. We did it last April by improving the tax credit for children. We have done it this year by coming to the assistance of single, retired citizens in need, and young people looking for work.

There are still many areas where improvement is possible, and this Government will continue to address these areas in order to ensure that Canada will continue to have one of the best social security systems in the world.

**Ms. Mitchell:** Mr. Speaker, that is absolute b. s.—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Ms. Mitchell:** There is no way in this Budget—

**Mr. Speaker:** With all due respect to the Hon. Member, I would invite her to withdraw that expression. It hardly contributes to the dignity of this place.

● (1430)

**Ms. Mitchell:** I would be glad to say that it is absolute garbage, if that is better.

There is no question at all that this Budget helps the rich, not the poor, especially the poor children of Canada. The Minister knows we have almost one million more people living in poverty in 1983 than we had in 1981. Obviously that is because Canadians do not have jobs. Welfare rolls are going up; he has to pay for half of it, he should know that.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member is on her second supplementary. The Chair notes these are far ranging questions for Question Period. Will the Hon. Member ask her question?

#### REQUEST THAT MINISTER RESCIND TAX BREAK FOR CORPORATIONS

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Will the Minister rescind the \$600 million tax break for corporations and put the money into direct job creation for the unemployed, particularly for those with young children?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I was not offended by the reference of the Hon. Member; I was assured that, by using the language she did, she was referring to herself as a "benevolent socialist".

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lalonde:** The Hon. Member says the last Budget did not help the poor. I would like her to say that to the 750,000

single, retired citizens, three quarters of whom are women living in poverty, who are going to see their GIS increased by \$50 a month this year.

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#### NATIONAL REVENUE

##### CONTEST FOR KITCHENER TAX COLLECTORS—MONTHLY DAY OFF WORK AWARD

**Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue. Yesterday we asked questions concerning the free lunch for auditors in Toronto. I would like to bring to the Minister's attention another contest last November and December. The contestants were the tax collectors in the Kitchener district tax office. The rules were that they received five points for collecting an account in excess of \$1,000 plus one point per \$1,000, four points if it was under \$10,000, and the reward was one day off per month. In November the winners were a Mr. Keith Purves, and in December a Mr. Walter Perreault.

Games are being played here, and the word "games" was used in the memo of Mr. Stinchcombe in the Toronto incident. He called it a game. There is a game being played in Kitchener, a game being played on the plight of Canadian taxpayers who are in a state of distress.

The chief concern I have, Mr. Speaker, is that the Minister does not recognize what is happening in his own Department. Does he approve of games being played, such as the one I illustrated yesterday and the one I just brought to his attention? What disciplinary action was taken with Mr. Stinchcombe and with the supervisors who imposed quotas? What action is the Minister going to take today?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I pointed out to the Hon. Member yesterday that in the matter involving Mr. Stinchcombe in Toronto, I had looked into the situation. I told him when this exercise had taken place and when it was stopped, and I also informed the Hon. Member that he was twisting the facts, as did the newspaper article, incidentally, when he was judging the way this local manager wanted to reward employees for outstanding performance. Today the Hon. Member, and that is what he is supposed to do, has now submitted another item. I would have appreciated being informed beforehand, in order to know the facts. I am wary of his way of changing the facts and especially the way he interprets them. I cannot, therefore, comment on a situation I have not had time to look into, especially when I do not know exactly what happened.

[English]

##### TORONTO SUPERVISOR'S ACTIONS

**Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister whether or not he approves of the methods used by