

Unemployment Insurance Act

● (1830)

Mr. Taylor: How long, six years, seven years, ten years?

Mr. Masters: Six years, maybe ten years? There are some problems which have been around for thousands of years. As I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, I am under the same pressures as the Hon. Members opposite from constituents who are adopting children, but I am satisfied—and I do not have the years of experience or the illustrious career of some Hon. Members opposite, and perhaps I am being naive—that my representations on the subject, which have been added to the many representations made here, have at least got me a very quick reply. This is something that occurred to me before I have had those representations made to me in my riding office. The response I received was immediate, it was sympathetic and it was logical. The response was, “We are now in the process of studying. We do have a problem of financing.”

Perhaps one of the reasons this has been kicking around for so many years is that representations are being made in the wrong area. I do not see anything wrong with taking another look at that aspect of it. If we do not spend a little more time dealing with social problems—and all of us pride ourselves on

our social conscience in this House—trying to bring them into a broader context to make sure they are not just ad hoc types of things or things done in isolation, we are going to have even more problems with budgetary matters. My memory is not that good, Mr. Speaker, but I do not believe the previous Government in its short time in office identified this as a burning issue which it wanted to get to immediately. I will say this, however, there has been good outcome as a result of this kind of a debate this afternoon. I do believe that the onus is now on the Government, and on Hon. Members of this side of the House, to look at this situation carefully and initiate some action.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. In accordance with the order made earlier today, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 2(1).

At 6.33 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.