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Private Members' Business

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): I declare the motion negated.

It being 5.42 p.m. the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[English]

VOLUNTARY FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of amending the voluntary firemen's tax exemption from \$500 to \$1,000 in order to account for inflation and recognize the value of their services to the community.

He said: Madam Speaker, within the wording of this motion, somehow something missed my recognition. What it says in the wording of the motion is: "amending the voluntary firemen's tax exemption". As we all know, across rural Canada we no longer have only firemen. We also have many firewomen across the country. It is a generic word.

I want to bring to the attention of all hon. members that many of our fire brigades now include women and they provide a very responsible and important role within those fire organizations.

It is my pleasure today to stand and to talk about Motion No. 193. This motion, although deemed not votable by the House management subcommittee, recommends that the government consider the advisability of amending the voluntary firemen's tax exemption from \$500 to \$1,000 which I think puts it into the context of inflation and speaks very well to the services that these firefighters provide to our rural communities.

There is no question in the minds of anyone in the House about the exceptional work done by volunteer firefighters. My motion tries to pay special attention and tribute to these men and women in recognition of their dedication and selfless service to their communities.

Volunteer firefighters serve communities with very little compensation. Generally they are given honorariums that cover out of pocket expenses incurred while dealing with fires and assorted emergencies and in dealing with training sessions. I am confident that there is no one in the House who will disagree with me that this remuneration is worth every penny they get.

The Income Tax Act exempts the first \$500 of allowances received by these volunteer firefighters, but in 1980 that was increased. It used to be \$300 and it was increased to \$500 in