

by the free-wheeling expenditures over the past 16 years our socialist friends across the way. Why would we bring in legislation such as this? We do it in order to establish further programs such as the early payment of the child tax credit. Just watch, there will be more legislation like this which will put smiles on the faces of Canadians. This legislation will be a boon to Canadians regardless of their political stripe, even if they are not associated with any political Party.

• (1250)

I am astounded and amazed that the Opposition would want to slow down this legislation, or that they would even take part in the debate other than to say this is one of the finest Bills that has come across our their in this Chamber. They should be applauding our efforts. It is their constituents who will be benefiting from this legislation. In fact, the House Leaders of the opposition Parties should be meeting with our House Leader and determining how quickly this legislation can be passed. We want to get it through, because we want to get the money into the hands and pockets of the people as quickly as possible.

Mr. Gauthier: We are not speaking on the subject, it's the Government. Let's get on with this.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair is very grateful for the intervention of the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member will continue debate.

Mr. Fretz: Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for that interjection. I think it is wonderful to hear from the Opposition that they want to see this legislation move through quickly. I will wind up my speech in another minute or two. We wish to have this Bill passed and moved through swiftly so we can get the money into the hands of the people.

I would like to conclude, because the Hon. Member reminded me we should move this legislation through quickly, by saying that this proves again that our Minister of Finance has a heart, that we are compassionate.

Mr. Gauthier: It's right in the centre; it should be left of centre.

Mr. Fretz: It has been levelled, it has been charged that we are the people of big business. We are the people of little business, too.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fretz: We want to help the little business people. We want to help all business people so that we can plough these tax dollars back into the economy, and help people with legislation like this.

Income Tax Act

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 29(1)

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: I indicated to the House that I would try not to delay, overly long, giving a ruling on the application of the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon) under Standing Order 29 for an emergency debate relating to the ruling of an American agency with respect to the Canadian forest industry exports.

I also indicated that while I did not receive the minimum notice required by Standing Order 29, there is, in important matters, a discretion allowed the Chair to not see the clock. I extended that courtesy to the Hon. Member, and I am sure that the House would approve that that discretion be used sparingly perhaps, but under the appropriate circumstances.

In considering an application of this kind, the Chair must take three factors into account. The issue raised must constitute a genuine emergency. The Chair used that word in the sense that it is something which is of such urgency that it calls immediately for something to be done about it. It is not enough—and I would ask that the Hon. Members understand this—that it be a matter of great importance. It is the view of the Chair that the issue is of great importance, but the issue must call for immediate and urgent consideration. The Chair must also take into consideration whether or not there will be other opportunities to debate the matter, and other opportunities within a reasonable period of time.

Under all the circumstances, while the Chair does recognize the great importance to Canada of this matter, the Chair must find that the application does not meet the requirements of the Standing Order.

I do want to thank the Hon. Member for proposing the motion and for expressing in explicit terms the reasons for that motion. I thank Hon. Members for patiently hearing the Chair's response, and also for patiently listening to the Hon. Member who presented the application.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Because it is Friday the House might observe that the Hon. Member ought to be extremely pleased with the Chair's intervention.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Hockin that Bill C-11, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act,