

*Time Allocation*

**Mr. Taylor:** Now when those farmers sell their nest-egg they can keep the returns and enjoy their last years on the earth.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Let's hear it for the speculators.

**Mr. Taylor:** That is what those Hon. Members say is helping the wealthy. The farmers of Canada are not wealthy. They deserve the nest-eggs they have built over the years.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understand why the Minister is repeating the same arguments he made during the senior citizens' Bill which was repudiated by the people—

**Mr. Lewis:** That's not a point of order.

**Ms. Copps:**—and by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). My point of order deals with the fact that the Hon. Member is supposed to be speaking to this Bill; his ruminations on capital gains exemptions have nothing to do with this particular motion.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) has the floor on debate.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member has left her manners at home, I wish she would stay home with them.

Those Hon. Members started the debate on capital gains. This is a closure debate, in case the Hon. Member does not know it, and I am arguing why it has to be a closure debate. It is because of the nonsensical attitude of the Opposition in this House. They want to continue to borrow and borrow. They keep talking one way and acting another. What did they do for the poor people of Canada when they were in office? They talk about the results of deindexing in the 1990s. If we had deindexed the way the Liberals did on family allowances, we could have said every family would lose "x" dollars too. That is a silly argument. We live by the laws of the House of Commons and—

**Mr. Cassidy:** The law of tooth and claw.

**Mr. Taylor:**—and we endeavour to help those who need the help, not those who do not. This Bill will reduce payments for rich families and it will increase them for the poor families. That is the way it should be. It might be an entirely different attitude and policy—

**Mr. Cassidy:** Let's go back to the dark ages.

**Mr. Taylor:** It's a foreign policy to the Liberals and the New Democratic Party but it is a policy of this Government to help the poor. We must get productivity going so that everyone in the country will have a chance to live and to survive. We built this country not on debt but on productivity, with people producing. That is the way to build a country, Mr. Speaker. We are building unity among our provinces and among our management and labour unions. We are doing so because the

greater our productivity the greater the social programs we can provide. The more we produce, the better we can treat the poor people of this country—

**Mr. Cassidy:** Bring back the cartels. Long live the 19th century.

**Mr. Taylor:**—and eliminate the poor people of this country.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Yes, eliminate them.

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

**Mr. Taylor:**—so that they will not be poor, so they will have enough to live on and will not have to depend on Government subsidies. That is what we want. We want our poor people to become richer and richer.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member's time for debate has elapsed.

**Mr. Nunziata:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. A few moments ago the Hon. Member referred to my colleague, the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps), and suggested that my colleague should stay home now that she is married.

**Ms. Mitchell:** Oh, oh!

**An Hon. Member:** He didn't say that.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** That is not a point of order on debate.

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, we are debating a motion which will have the effect of choking off consideration of a measure which will affect 3.6 million Canadian families.

**Mr. Lewis:** Something you never did, eh?

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** This Bill, if it passes, will hurt 3.6 million Canadian families by reducing the purchasing power of the family allowance. No wonder the Conservatives want to choke off debate on this Bill after only five days. The Conservatives hope this Bill will slip through this House before Canadians, especially middle and lower income Canadians, fully realize what harm the Conservatives want to do to them.

The Conservatives now say that there has been enough debate on this whole issue of deindexing the family allowance. The last speaker, in particular, cast doubt upon the commitment of the Conservatives even to the most elementary of social programs. Yet back in 1980, the Conservatives had a massive ad campaign opposing any suggestion of deindexing. That ad said in part that deindexing "is a form of taxation that will have staggering consequences for every Canadian taxpayer, especially the low income earner". It said that "deindexing is a scheme to guarantee that you will pay higher federal income taxes year after year". If that was true in 1980 with respect to income tax, it is true today, not just for income tax but for family allowance.

Yet the Conservatives today are trying to cut off debate on a measure aimed at slipping through a cruel blow to a key part