

sador of Tunisia to a meeting which would hopefully result in the safe return to Canada of Tina Lynn Mallette.

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CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ABORTION PROVISIONS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-238, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (abortion).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to repeal those provisions of the Criminal Code relating to abortion, provisions which have denied access to safe, therapeutic abortions and have resulted in lengthy delays and complications for thousands of Canadian women. The Bill would ensure that the decision on abortion is one that is to be made by the woman involved in consultation with her doctor.

Finally, I call upon the Government to make more funds available for sex education and birth control awareness and accessibility.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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WAYS AND MEANS

INCOME TAX ACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the Parties and I think you will find a disposition in the House to accept the following motion:

That the Notice of Ways and Means Motion to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to make a related amendment to the Tax Court of Canada Act laid upon the Table on Thursday, May 9, 1985, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs for examination; and

That the Committee report its findings and recommendations to the House no later than September 30, 1985.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) have the unanimous consent required to put his motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is the House willing to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Supply

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I simply rise on a point of order to designate Wednesday as an allotted day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—CANADIAN WOMEN

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Ms. Jewett:

That this House recognizing the continuing economic inequality of Canadian Women, demands that the government incorporate into its forthcoming budget the following initiatives, the:

1. reform of the tax system rather than the introduction of further public spending cuts which impact most adversely on women;
2. provision of job creation and training programs targeted to women, and funding sufficient to enable the Canadian Human Rights Commission to enforce equal pay of work of equal value legislation, and develop an effective enforcement mechanism for affirmative action programs;
3. provision of more transition houses and services for women and children who are victims of family violence; and
4. provision of increased funding to ensure access to quality daycare to meet the urgent needs of Canadian parents and children.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, before lunch I had a chance to say a few words about the motion before the House today in the name of the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett). It calls for certain legislation and action to clear up some of the inequality between men and women. I talked earlier this morning about some of the tables in the Abella report which showed the participation rate for women going way, way up in the last 15 or 20 years. However, in the major occupations which pay well, women are still a very, very small minority. As well, in some of the other big and important occupation groups such as farming, forestry and fisheries, the number of women is very, very small.

Another very interesting point is that the discrepancy between salary levels for men and women in this country is very, very wide.