

### *The Budget*

The federal government is working in close co-operation with provinces, groups and social agencies. The costs of services provided to battered women are shared with the provinces through the Canada Assistance Plan.

In 1982, the Department of National Health and Welfare set up the National Clearing house on Family Violence.

The Clearing house collects, analyses and disseminates information on family violence; advises and assists professional and lay workers concerning training programs and research projects; organizes seminars and workshops, co-operates with other departments, governmental and non-governmental groups to identify current problems and prevent family violence.

*Vis-à-vis*, the bilingual newsletter published quarterly by the Clearing house is offered free of charge to the Canadian public. It contains surveys, annotated bibliographies, lists of resources, calendars of events and articles on current research programs and activities.

The collection of films on family violence comprises over 30 features made available free of charge to the general public and specialists through the distribution offices of the National Film Board throughout Canada.

In the area of day care centres in Canada, the federal Government has committed itself to promote the development of extensive, economical and good quality services. Again through the Canada Assistance Plan, the Government is sharing with the provinces the costs of child care services for families in need or likely to be.

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[English]

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#### DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY

**Mr. Speaker:** I am in receipt of a notice of a point of order from the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn).

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I apologize for interrupting the excellent speech of the Hon. Member for Louis-Hébert (Mrs. Duplessis). There have been consultations between the Parties. If you seek unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Speaker, I believe you will find a disposition to accept a disposition that, notwithstanding any Standing Order, on Thursday, May 23, 1985 at four o'clock p.m. the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and the sitting shall be suspended until 4.30 o'clock p.m. when the House shall proceed to the Order of the Day for consideration of a Ways and Means Motion for the presentation of a Budget, provided that the hour for consideration of Private Members' Business shall be suspended and that the House shall continue to sit, if necessary, beyond the ordinary daily hour of adjournment, and that when a motion to adjourn the debate has been made, by the first

Member replying on behalf of the Opposition, and has been adopted the House shall stand adjourned, until the next sitting day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Can I take it from that that the President of the Privy Council is asking, under Standing Order 64(2) that an order of the day be designated for the consideration of a Ways and Means motion on Thursday, May 23, 1985 at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of the presentation of a Budget by the Hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson)? I take it that the President of the Privy Council is hereby giving such notice, for which no consent is required.

● (1800)

The motion read to the House by the President of the Privy Council does require unanimous consent. Therefore, is there such unanimous consent?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being six o'clock p.m., it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to Standing Order 62(11), proceedings on the motion have expired.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

#### FINANCE—BULK FUEL DEALERS—REIMBURSEMENT OF SALES TAX

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 30, 1985, I posed a question to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) concerning the fuel sales tax rebate to primary producers. Some bulk fuel dealers who hold tax paid inventory must seek reimbursement from the federal Treasury for sales tax not collected at the time of sale. The cost of financing the delay between the date of payment of tax by the bulk fuel dealer and the date of receipt of reimbursement of that tax from the Government is placing a burden on many dealers. I asked the Minister if he would examine the possibility of providing cash advances or floats to the dealers to alleviate this situation. I would like to elaborate on this matter.

Members will recall Bill C-12, put forth last fall, which provided among other things for a sales tax rebate of three cents per litre on the sale of fuel to primary producers, including farmers, fishermen and others, plus 1.8 cents per litre, being the petroleum compensation charge, for a total of 4.8 cents or almost 22 cents per gallon. This, to the primary producers, was a most welcome fulfillment of a campaign commitment.