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Or let us take the case of Greg, a student with a disability who is attending the University of Guelph. Greg comes from the city of Vaughan, Ontario where his family earns an annual income of \$60,000. Greg's summer job enables him to put \$2,700 toward his education and his parents are able to contribute \$3,000. That gives him total financial resources of \$5,700 and a total assessed need of \$4,200.

Under the old system, Greg would qualify for a meagre \$500 in aid, but under the new system at 60 per cent of assessed need he would qualify for a maximum of \$2,520. However, Greg's disability means he is also eligible for a special opportunity grant of up to \$3,000.

These are positive changes that I am sure will improve the quality of life for many students throughout Canada.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): It being 6.10 p.m. it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put all questions necessary to dispose of Motion M-291 now before the House.

Mr. McClelland: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if I might have the unanimous consent of the House to speak to the bill for just a few moments.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): The House has heard the request. Does the hon. member have unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): The member has two minutes.

Mr. Ian McClelland (Edmonton Southwest, Ref.): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and colleagues in the House. I would like to address two items concerning this motion. I think it is of significant importance to get them on the books.

The first item is on the amendment to the motion. While it appears fairly innocuous and since virtually everyone in the House is onside on this, it is rather unseemly that it be introduced so late. It does not bind the government anyway because it is just a motion.

The other point I would like to raise concerns the income contingent loan repayment. Information today in the *Globe and Mail* says that Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick have decided they are not able to participate as it is presently written. Therefore, whatever we do with the income contingent loan repayment, which is a very good idea, the important element we must bear in mind is to be flexible.

As my colleagues know, we are going into a very difficult time financially. The future of our country depends on the ability of our young generation to be educated so they can use that education as a springboard for opportunity. Therefore, it is important that we look at the income contingent loan repayment in a very flexible, malleable manner if we have to change it. For instance interest may not be chargeable and that might be something we would look at.

I ask hon. colleagues to consider this.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): The first question is on the amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea?

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): Pursuant to order made earlier today, the recorded division stands deferred until Tuesday, March 21, 1995 at 5.30 p.m.

SITTING SUSPENDED

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): Pursuant to the order made earlier today, the sitting is suspended to the call of the Chair.

(The sitting of the House was suspended at 6.15 p.m.)

[Translation]

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 9.14 p.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Rideau Hall Ottawa,

March 16, 1995

Madam Speaker,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Beverley McLachlin, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in her capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 16th day of March, 1995, at 9.10 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

Yours sincerely,

Judith A. LaRocque
Secretary to the Governor General

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows: