

*Income Tax Act*

those who do not need it but who are putting money in their electoral funds to reelect those members who served them well.

Those are the governments we have had for one hundred years!

This is the logical consequence of the punitive system under which only big foreign trusts stand to gain in the end.

After small businesses have been crushed by over taxation, further efforts are made to impose still more hardships on Canadian workers. After they have caused the death of Canadian industries, the servants of this puppet government compel workers to part with a portion of their salaries either to pay heavy grants to those big companies or to pay for the administration costs which those companies did not pay thanks to tax exemptions and yearly granted favours. And the government is doing all that under the pretence of creating jobs! Such hypocrisy is beyond words!

If you refer to statistics since 1940 you will find the detrimental consequences of the protection enjoyed by big corporations.

In 1940, big business was supplying 80 per cent of the national budget while workers and small businesses were supplying 20 p. 100.

It is just the contrary in 1972 in that workers and small businessmen are paying 80 per cent of the taxes required for the national budget whereas big corporations are paying only 20 per cent and making ten times more profit than during the 40's.

Under this system the poor is feeding the wealthy. This system is totally illogical. It is about time we bring in the necessary corrective measures so that those who have the money will pay.

That aim would be achieved if we adopted an amendment to widen the scope of the bill and which would read thus:

That a 9 per cent tax reduction be granted all economic groups in all sectors in order to make Canadian production more competitive through a real stimulation of the economy, which would result in ensuring more jobs for Canadians.

But one can read in the newspaper *Le Devoir* of June 14, 1973 this statement by the Governor of the Bank of Canada, and I quote:

The time has come to tighten bank credit.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe my eyes. Under the pretext of tightening credit, the Bank of Canada authorities are increasing interests. That reminds me of the famous fight we carried against the suppression of the ceiling for banks interests—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order.

**Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, may I call it four o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order. It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely notices of motions, public bills and private bills.

[Mr. Gauthier (Roberval).]

• (1600)

[English]

The hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) on a point of order.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. We are still debating Bill C-192 and I would suggest to the House that we consider continuing the debate on Monday. If we were, perchance, to complete it during Monday—and I do not in any way suggest limiting the debate—I think there is a feeling that the vote on second reading could be taken after orders of the day are called on Wednesday. So we could proceed with the second reading stage of Bill C-193 if Bill C-192 were concluded on Monday. It might be premature to ask for an order of the House at this time, but I wanted to bring that suggestion to the notice of the House because I think there has been some discussion to that effect.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, it is correct that there have been discussions and that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) has given the substance of those discussions. We, too, think that it might be too soon to try to adopt a House order this afternoon, but it is the general thinking of the representatives of the parties that the vote on second reading of Bill C-192 could perhaps be taken immediately after orders of the day are called on Wednesday. At least it should be clear that if the debate ends some time on Monday, the vote would not be taken at that time and at that point we would move on to Bill C-193. Let us hope that everybody is here Monday for the debate, but everybody had better be here Wednesday for the vote!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order, please. The hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid).

**Mr. Reid:** Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions through the usual channels and I think there might be agreement to take order No. 19 standing in the name of the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys (Mr. Muir).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

#### SUGGESTED PROVISION OF FREE DRUGS TO PENSIONERS AND RECIPIENTS OF GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give immediate consideration to the provision of free drugs for those Canadians who are eligible for the old age security pension and the guaranteed income supplement.