

there is no discrimination between the different races because they have different mortality rates. There was a recommendation made by the Royal Commission on the Status of Women as far back as 1970 on this matter. It appeared in the green paper on pensions, and women's groups have lobbied for that reform for years. The women will have to raise this matter again and again. But the Government only wants to discuss the matter.

The Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) showed a decided lack of enthusiasm when he introduced the Bill. It is clear that the Government feels that we have to have equality because it is in the Charter and something has to be done. Certainly, the Government will do the absolute minimum. The Minister said that he wanted to hear the groups and that they would be given an opportunity to be heard. However, he has not been listening because groups, individuals, experts and people from across the country have been saying that they want equality, justice and specific amendments to legislation without further delay.

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The Charter of Rights Educational Fund has recently released a report which has a much more ambitious and to-the-point approach to the issue of equality. That group raises the real issues. It points out that there is discrimination against women on matters such as the lack of protection for women's health products. That is a hidden form of discrimination which has not been raised. The old boys' network in employment matters discriminates against women with respect to employment. That matter has not been raised for discussion. Unemployment insurance limits against women—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. When debate resumes on Bill C-27, the Hon. Member will have 16 minutes remaining for debate, plus the ten-minute question period.

[*Translation*]

It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.