

*Excise Tax Act*

## YEAS

## Messrs.

Stackhouse  
Tardif (Mrs.)  
(Charlesbourg)  
Taylor  
Thacker  
Tremblay  
(Québec-Est)  
Tupper

Valcourt  
Vézina (Mrs.)  
Vincent  
Wenman  
Wilson  
(Swift Current-  
Maple Creek)

Wilson  
(Etobicoke Centre)  
Winegard  
Wise  
Witer—135.

## NAYS

## Messrs.

Allmand  
Althouse  
Angus  
Baker  
Blaikie  
Boudria  
Broadbent  
Caccia  
Cassidy  
Coppes (Ms.)  
Deans  
de Corneille  
Dingwall  
Epp  
(Thunder Bay-Nipigon)  
Finestone  
(Mrs.)

Frith  
Fulton  
Garneau  
Gauthier  
Gray  
(Windsor West)  
Guilbault  
(Saint-Jacques)  
Jewett (Ms.)  
Johnston  
(Saint-Henri-Westmount)  
Kaplan  
Keeper  
Lapierre  
MacLellan  
Malépart  
Marchi

McCurdy  
Mitchell (Ms.)  
Murphy  
Nicholson (Miss)  
(Trinity)  
Nunziata  
Nystrom  
Orlikow  
Ouellet  
Penner  
Pépin (Mrs.)  
Prud'homme  
Riis  
Robichaud  
Skelly  
Waddell—44.

● (1050)

**Mr. Speaker:** I declare the motion carried.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I should rise at this time to indicate that when the House reconvenes for business today at the normal hour, eleven o'clock this morning, we propose to call forward for second reading the Bill dealing with amendments to the Criminal Code. If that were to pass we would then consider going on to the currency Bill which should receive first reading later today. The borrowing Bill would be the third option.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Hon. House Leader a question? Firstly, what is the disposition of the Government to split the Bill amending the Criminal Code so that the drunk driving provisions can go through possibly immediately? I say this by way of inquiry. Secondly, when will I get a response to the very reasonable request that was made by our Leader in the House yesterday for a special debate on the subject of the protection of our social programs, before the House rises for Christmas?

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** I am in some difficulty given the fact that we are past six o'clock p.m. of this parliamentary day. I suggest that those matters could be discussed outside the House in context.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** If the Members wish to discuss this matter by unanimous consent, we are going to run into a problem. The Hon. Government House Leader, briefly.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, suffice it to say that of course we are amenable, with respect to the Criminal Code amendments, to working on the basis of consensus. As the Opposition House Leader will know, I have had discussions with both opposition Parties. At this point in time it is not possible to arrive at a consensus with respect to this matter, but I take it that he is opening that matter up for discussion.

With respect to the second item, I guess he will have to make up his mind, Mr. Speaker. If he wants to discuss matters in House Leaders' meetings and then ask for a response here, come on to the floor of the House of Commons and start negotiating in public, I guess he will have to decide how he wants, on behalf of his Party, if he indeed speaks for his Party, to conduct the negotiations with respect to House business. I am happy to carry on the tradition of dealing in a spirit of co-operation in House Leaders' meetings with the opposition House Leader, but I am not going to sit and negotiate publicly a matter that he initiated privately.

**Mr. Speaker:** The rules require me to find that it is after six o'clock p.m. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) on the same point of order.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, I cannot see that anything useful is being achieved at the moment. I would like to invite my colleagues to join me and perhaps we can discuss these matters.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** It being after six o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until eleven o'clock a.m. later this day.

At 10.54 a.m. the House adjourned.