

removed from the motion of the hon. member for Bellechasse as some may think. The Ontario provincial government entered into an agreement with the federal government. Under that agreement the federal government was to provide the airport, provide land planning services, and stand fully behind the concept of the building of the airport. On the eve of the coming provincial election the provincial government made the spurious declaration that it is unwilling or unable to pay for service roads. It seeks to embarrass the federal government and deny to the people a much needed extra facility. The provincial government has clearly shown its irresponsibility and unwillingness to carry out those programs which are necessary for meeting the needs of the people of Ontario.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, before I begin my remarks on the point of order, may I thank my friends for applauding my rising. I listened carefully to the hon. member. At one point, even though he strayed from the subject matter of the motion, I thought he would say something I could listen to; but then, after he strayed further from the subject matter, I changed my mind. I think his straying so far from the subject matter of the motion is improper. I wonder if the hon. member has conferred with his colleague the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik), and asked him his feelings about the airport.

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The hon. member is using up my time by raising a point of order. There is no need for me to consult with my colleague representing the riding of Ontario, as he is entirely in agreement with me. The hypocritical, spurious behaviour of the government of Ontario has nothing to do with—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Order, please. I am sure the hon. member for Mississauga (Mr. Abbott) will agree that he has strayed somewhat from the motion before the House. He indicated earlier that his comments were not as far removed from the subject matter of the motion as one might think. I did not note clearly the relevance of his remarks and perhaps, when concluding, the hon. member might wish to return to the subject matter of the motion.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lambert: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Personal Exemptions

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The hon. member for Bellechasse on a point of order.

Mr. Lambert: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order raised a moment ago, I simply want to say that I appreciate the comments on the motion. But when we were hauled to Toronto, the airport and all, I think we moved away at great speed from the motion, and I would like it to be adopted since I consider it is reasonable.

[*English*]

Mr. Abbott: If I may conclude, Mr. Speaker, I say that it is a government's duty to act responsibly, and I was showing the manner in which a certain government was acting totally irresponsibly. I suppose I was carried away with my indignation over the fraudulent behaviour of the Davis government.

I conclude by saying that I know the hon. member for Bellechasse has the noblest intentions in mind in bringing forward this motion. The Government of Canada, guided by the prudent stewardship of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner), will no doubt heed what the hon. member said. I also feel certain that the Minister of Finance will continue to maintain a responsible posture in any dealings concerning our income tax structure.

Hon. Martin O'Connell (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) stressed the notion of the importance of the family in our society, and the importance of maintaining a family's income. The government agrees with many other things the hon. member put forward, as do all members on my side of the House. For that reason this government, under budgetary proposals, has removed hundreds of thousands of family people from the income tax rolls. For this reason, as well, it has reduced income taxes for many. The reductions for lower income families have been larger than those for higher income families. In addition, the government has introduced income indexing, so that exemptions rise as the cost of living rises. It has done all this because it has kept in mind the very principles enunciated by the hon. member for Bellechasse.

I see you rising, Mr. Speaker. I think that tells me something about the time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Order, please. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at two o'clock p.m.

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.