

Member realizes, as his constituents must be telling him, that there is a much better tone and atmosphere with respect to employer-employee relations under the Conservative Government than that which existed under the previous Liberal Government. Although the Hon. Member cannot admit that because of Party solidarity, he would admit that privately.

On April 17, the President of the Treasury Board, in all good faith, outlined a series of understandings that had been reached, through bargaining on both sides, with the unions representing the Public Service employees. Understandings in principle are worked out and have to be taken back to both sides. They provide a framework within which the specifics can be worked out. They anticipate flexibility, compromise on the details, and most of all they reflect an appreciation that there must be continuing consultation.

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I am sure I speak for Members of all Parties when I say we regret the events of last week, but we as a Government do not for a minute abandon our hope for continuing constructive joint consultation on the issue of pension reform and a dental plan. Both of these subjects are of importance to present employees. The pension arrangements are naturally important to present employees and retired employees. We see a need to continue these consultations, and I regret that because of the time limit I do not have the opportunity to expand upon these remarks and reply further to my hon. colleague's question.

I wish to thank the House for this opportunity, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The motion to adjourn is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6.32 p.m.
