Business of the House

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland)—Regional Economic Expansion—Departmental study of implications of National Defence base closures; the hon. member for Halifax East-Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Finance—Size of increase in gross national product—Tax relief measures to stimulate economy; the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton)—The Canadian Economy—Takeover of Ryerson Press by United States Company.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC ORDER BILL—EXTENSION OF SUPPLY PERIOD

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a brief statement about discussions we have had in connection with the business of the House. It has been agreed that we call the Public Order Bill at eight o'clock tonight, and it is our firm expectation that it will be possible to conclude the debate by ten o'clock or earlier. If that is realized we would call the vote on the third reading of the Public Order Bill, if a vote is required, as the first order of Government Business tomorrow. With respect to having the vote tomorrow as the first order of business, I think this should be put in the form of a House Order, but with the understanding that at ten o'clock tonight, if as a result of any meeting with the other house leaders I have difficulties, or we all mutually have difficulties, I would come back to the House and say that maybe we should change that House Order.

• (5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) has well set out the discussions which have taken place. It is our hope in this party that the first suggestion will be consummated and that we will have completed the debate by ten o'clock this evening. If that be the case, then a vote will be taken as the first item after Orders of the Day. I think there can be no greater attraction to hon. members to make sure their speeches are even shorter than usual, than the hope that this matter may be completed and the vote taken tomorrow after Orders of the Day.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the government House Leader has stated the position with clarity and the hon. member for Peace River has clarified it. I shall just say, hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In view of the fact that the hon. member for Portneuf (Mr. Godin) had the floor at five

o'clock, would it be in accordance with the wish of the House that the debate be adjourned by the hon, member for Portneuf and that the special order of the House be made in the terms of the agreement as set out by the house leaders?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I regret that I forgot momentarily, and was reminded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, that after looking at the prospects of the work of the Standing Committees it is necessary to extend the date of the final supply day which, in the normal course, would be December 10. It has been agreed that we extend that supply day until December 15 so that we should make a special order that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 58(5), the present supply period shall end on December 15, 1970. If that is agreed, the 5th and final allotted day for the present period would be Tuesday, December 15.

Mr. Baldwin: That is acceptable, Mr. Speaker. It will give members of the opposition a chance to do more than just see the supplementary estimates as they go flitting by the Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

Mr. Fortin: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that a special order of the House be made in the terms outlined by the hon. President of the Privy Council?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, Private Members' Notices of Motions.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

MARINE RESOURCES

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the development, encouragement and maintenance of a co-ordinated, comprehensive, and long-range national program for the recovery and use of the resources of Canada's sea-coast waters and continental shelves; and to this end, effectively utilize the scientific and engineering knowledge and skills of the public service and government agencies and co-operate with private investment enterprise in the exploration, technological development and industrial use of the resources of the marine environment of Canada.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is indeed fortunate that this resolution has come to the floor of the House of Commons so close on the heels of the report to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) from the Science Council of Canada with respect to Canada's science and the ocean. Without going into the report in any detail, let me say