

The Address—Mr. Caouette

Mr. Caouette: —I wonder if it is a special status or special statues that are requested for the province of Quebec.

Mr. Speaker, the third point:

[*English*]

(3) To provide for a constitutional bill of rights;

[*Translation*]

A bill of rights probably. Of course, rights must be respected. We agree. The fourth point:

[*English*]

To provide for the patriation of the Canadian constitution.

[*Translation*]

The same thing for the Conservatives. But the main point is left out.

I understand that the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam has to dress up his subamendment to make it consistent with the rules, which provide that the subamendment must relate to the amendment.

It is a little embarrassing for everyone. It is embarrassing for me, because to relate a subamendment to an amendment such as that, it is embarrassing. You have to be very well educated, Mr. Speaker, to present an amendment to an amendment which means nothing.

All this means that the Conservatives should have moved an amendment concerning an important sector of our national economy, that is farming.

I am led to deal somewhat with the speech made by the seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, the hon. member for Nicolet-Yamaska. Do we adjourn at one o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Yes, the house is to adjourn at one o'clock.

[*English*]

Mr. Churchill: One o'clock.

• (1:00 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: I should like to bring to the attention of hon. members that the fact that the hon. member's time will expire at one minute after one o'clock. It is just about that time now and he may have about one minute left. Would hon. members suggest that he be allowed to complete his remarks?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Caouette: I have only one minute left, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: According to our rules, and the hon. member is quite aware of this, speeches are limited to thirty minutes during the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The hon. member has about one more minute.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, as I would need ten more minutes, I wonder whether the hon. members would not agree unanimously that I continue at two o'clock?

Mr. Speaker: Does the house agree unanimously that the hon. member continue his remarks for ten more minutes?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[*English*]

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, you should permit the hon. member to have his ten minutes at 2.30.

Mr. Speaker: It is agreed that the house will recess until 2.30 and that the hon. member for Villeneuve will be allowed to pursue his remarks for a further ten minutes?

Mr. Churchill: I think people will now see the disadvantage of allocation of time. It destroys a really good speech.

Mr. Caouette: Thank you.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: It being one o'clock, this house stands adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

[*English*]

At one o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 2.30 p.m.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, before the sitting was suspended for lunch, I was saying that I would like to deal this afternoon or rather right away with the speech of the member for Nicolet-Yamaska (Mr. Florian Côté) who supported the address in reply to the speech from the throne. I respect the member for Nicolet-Yamaska highly. He is a farmer, he knows agriculture, he is a very active member of the organization grouping Quebec farmers, that is the C.F.U. But note, on reading his speech, that the member for Nicolet-Yamaska did not speak on behalf of the C.F.U. but on behalf of the Liberal party.