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that effect. It would permit us to commence the budget debate on Monday, April 4 and carry it right through for the eight appointed days, ending on April 13 when the house would then rise for the Easter recess.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I might say that as far as we are concerned we would be quite agreeable to that arrangement on the understanding that the budget debate would be continuous.

Mr. Herridge: I understand the leader of this party has indicated our agreement to the same arrangement.

Mr. Speaker: Then perhaps this would be the appropriate time for the house to give unanimous consent and order that next Monday, private members' day, be deferred in favour of the budget debate, presumably until the Monday after Easter.

Mr. Pickersgill: Yes, Monday, April 25.

Mr. Speaker: Yes. Does the house agree to that course?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

It being three minutes after six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.