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important as that, he was speaking for the government and indicating government intention in that regard?

**Mr. Turner:** I was speaking personally, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Grafftey:** May I ask another supplementary question. Can ministers speak personally on—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There are only a few moments left, and the Chair recognizes the right hon. Leader of the Opposition.

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORT

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, the question I should like to ask is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the substantial criticisms of C.B.C. management contained in the report of the committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts, is the government going to give consideration to an immediate change in the top management of the C.B.C.? Will the government assure us that the C.B.C. management will be required to review the handling of the case of "This Hour Has Seven Days"?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the report was tabled only an hour ago and I have not yet had an opportunity to study it.

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State. In the light of the report of the committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts, will the minister convey to the corporation the information that a large number of Canadians would welcome the return of the program "This Hour Has Seven Days", unrevised and unrepentant?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I have a woman's intuition, if you want to call it that, that they may already know this.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, the question period now has expired.

[Mr. Grafftey.]

### CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO ASSIST PERSONS IN NEED

The house resumed from Tuesday, June 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacEachen for the second reading of Bill No. C-207, to authorize the making of contributions by Canada toward the cost of programs for the provision of assistance and welfare services to and in respect of persons in need, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Knowles.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Mégantic had the floor when the house adjourned last night.

[English]

**Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic):** Mr. Speaker, I had the floor last night, but just a few minutes before I took the floor the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) presented an amendment to this bill. At that time Mr. Speaker said he would take it under consideration to see whether or not the amendment was in order. I did not speak last night. I merely rose and called it six o'clock. Then we proceeded to private members' hour. Before I speak today I am wondering whether the Chair is in a position to decide whether or not the amendment is in order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair would like to hear argument from hon. members in respect of the regularity or legality of the amendment which was proposed last night. I understand that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. MacEachen) had indicated his intention either to support or to oppose procedurally the amendment. If any hon. members have a contribution to make in this regard, this is the time to do it.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, the amendment—

**Mr. Peters:** On a point of order; before the hon. minister speaks, I should like to ask whether or not the hon. member who had the floor will lose his position.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois) has relinquished his priority to speak in the debate at this time to allow the Chair to hear argument on the point of order and to make a decision, after which the hon. member for Mégantic will be allowed to make his contribution to the debate.