

Monday so that we might approach our work in a better mood on Wednesday?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a point of order. I had a question for the Minister of Transport which I consider to be of an urgent nature. I was hoping that the minister's absence from the house on this his allotted day would be only of a temporary nature. My question is urgent in that it affects—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member cannot seek privileges which other hon. members are not seeking.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** He is not the only one. The hon. member must realize there are at least ten other hon. members who did not have an opportunity to ask questions. I would think that all the questions asked during the question period were urgent, as well as the other questions which could not be asked. I suggest the question will have to be asked on Monday.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Or Wednesday.

**Mr. Speaker:** It might be in order on Monday for the Chair to look at the back benches before looking at the front benches in order to give an opportunity to hon. members—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:**—who do not have the opportunity to which they are entitled under the rules of the house. Unfortunately I do not think it would be in order to allow the hon. member to ask a question at this time in preference to others when the question period is over.

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, may I say that if the government intends to require us to sit next week it should at least see that the ministers are in their places and ready to answer questions. For the record I want to say that my spot check shows that on 148 occasions ministers have not been in their places.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

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### *Ways and Means*

• (12:30 p.m.)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

### WAYS AND MEANS

The house proceeded to the consideration of a ways and means motion to amend an act to amend the Income Tax Act:

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance)** moved:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide that the surtax on individuals and corporations by Part 1A of the Income Tax Act be applicable in the case of individuals to the 1970 taxation year and in the case of corporations to taxable income earned in 1970.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion (for concurrence) agreed to.

### INCOME TAX ACT

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-211, to amend an act to amend the Income Tax Act, be read the first time and be printed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### WAYS AND MEANS

#### CUSTOMS TARIFF, EXCISE TAX ACT

The house proceeded to the consideration of a ways and means motion to amend the Customs Tariff and to make a consequential amendment to the Excise Tax Act.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance)** moved:

[*Editor's Note: See Votes and Proceedings of June 3, 1969 for text of motion.*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion (for concurrence) agreed to.

#### CUSTOMS TARIFF, EXCISE TAX ACT

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-212, to amend the Customs Tariff and to make a consequential amendment to the Excise Tax Act, be read the first time and printed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.