

Business of the House

since society creates man and man creates society. Man has needs and a conscience; he wants the first to be satisfied and the second to be respected and protected.

Society's first responsibility is to see to it that this is achieved.

If society does not stand in the way of man's self-accomplishment, if he finds in the state which represents him a conscience that understands his own, man will integrate in that state; if not, he will rise against society. The fault is not in man, but in society itself, because in society there are human beings and it is inhuman for society not to meet its basic responsibility.

Man has rights, but without the strength to enforce them, how can he defend them? When man and society face each other, the state always wins, since it is stronger; even in case of a revolution, where, of biological necessity, the state rises again from its ashes, the discrepancy in strength is so great between the two, that the very concept of rights is always ridiculous and inadequate.

Mr. Speaker, many people have become human wrecks, hardened sinners, criminals or gangsters. Whose fault is it? Let me analyse the situation.

How did it come about? If such disorder exists in our society and our country, it is above all because our economy, in several respects, does not play a proper part.

It is mainly because it is antisocial, inhuman, deceitful, depriving people from their needs and of their sacred right to the necessities of life—

May I point out to you, Mr. Speaker, that it is ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Order please.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, in order to reply to that question, if the member for Compton-Frontenac is to speak at greater length and the vote is taken afterwards, if there are any others who wish to talk, perhaps he could go on with his remarks tomorrow.

[English]

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Cowan: Ten o'clock.

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Mr. Speaker: Does the Minister of Public Works desire to make a statement at this time?

[Mr. Latulippe.]

• (10:00 p.m.)

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should like to confirm the announcement made earlier, that the budget will be delivered tomorrow night at eight o'clock. In that connection I would ask that the house agree to suspend the sitting tomorrow night from seven until eight o'clock, bearing in mind that the budget must be delivered at eight o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. McIlraith: Then I would like to ask the house to consider extending the special order on the order paper to make government time available for the capital punishment debate, until seven o'clock tomorrow night. If I have unanimous consent I would put that motion.

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair heard an objection.

Mr. Caouette: When the budget is presented tomorrow night, are we going to debate it right afterwards?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, in an effort to be helpful I was going to go on to give some indication of the business ahead for the next few days. I had asked, as hon. members will have noticed, that we continue with the capital punishment debate tomorrow, then have the budget at eight o'clock. Our plans for Wednesday had been the supplementary estimates, and the two judges bills which I thought would take very little time. When these were completed we would resume the capital punishment debate on Wednesday, and if necessary continue on Thursday.

I was giving this outline in the hope that the resolution could come to a vote after all hon. members who wish to speak had made their speeches, perhaps tomorrow, or on Wednesday, or Thursday. Then we would like to resume the budget debate on Friday and have four continuous days of budget debate. That is the plan of business we had in mind; but in view of the inability to get consent to continue with the capital punishment debate tomorrow, the house should be ready for the government to call any item of business on the order paper.

Mr. Churchill: Give us some advance notice of what it will be.

Mr. McIlraith: I have sought to give advance notice, and I have given notice of what we plan right from now until April 6. I really think the interests of the house would be