

*Adjournment Motion*

● (1652)

We were in the process of making informal arrangements to expedite procedures by agreeing that the Deputy Prime Minister should speak on the amendment. Also we agreed that we would not put up any further speakers. I cite that by way of evidence. It was a widespread assumption on the part of everyone, until the hon. member for the Yukon rose in a totally irrelevant manner to attempt to get himself out of a difficult situation.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Because of the very complex deliberations, I am sure we would be greatly assisted by examining the record of what really took place earlier this afternoon. Therefore the discussion on the procedural regularity of this motion will be held over until the House resumes its session this evening at eight o'clock. In that event, we will all have the benefit of examining the record. Then I can hear whatever arguments will be advanced at that time.

Is it the pleasure of the House to call it five o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald)—Canadian culture—Federal assistance to cultural organizations; the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Smith)—Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation—Reason for delay of final payment to fishermen; the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington)—Finance—Measures to prevent dumping of steel beams—Definition of “Fair world price”.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), and public bills.

[Mr. Broadbent.]

## PRIVATE BILLS

[*English*]

BELL CANADA

The House resumed, from Thursday, February 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. O'Connell that Bill C-1001, respecting Bell Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Leggatt.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we are faced with one little difficulty. The hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. O'Connell) is not here. There have been some discussions about this bill. The understanding was that the hon. member who was sponsoring it did not wish to proceed with it today. I thought this was known by others. I see many affirmative nods on the government side of the House.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) is not here, nor is the hon. member for Scarborough East. Our understandings were quite clear. Behind those understandings is the fact that there have been discussions between Bell Canada and those interested in this bill. It was the disposition of the sponsoring member that this bill was not to proceed today. Since it is only 4.55 p.m., I excuse him for not being here. Is there someone who can confirm this understanding?

There are two other bills under the heading of private bills, and the sponsors of those bills are here. Why can we not proceed with them?

**Mr. Campbell:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understood there was an agreement. I was told by the parliamentary secretary that agreement had been reached to call Bill S-5 and Bill S-6 at this time.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, as one of the sponsors, I should like to indicate that was my understanding as well. There was agreement that these two bills could be dealt with expeditiously today. I hope that understanding is clear on all sides of the House. There have been many discussions on the matter. Certainly that was my understanding of the agreement.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think anyone approached my party for agreement.

**Mr. Pinard:** We spoke to hon. House leader of the official opposition.

**Mr. Paproski:** In any event, I never heard about it. We are willing to proceed on that basis, if the appropriate hon. members are present.

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to state that I did not personally speak with the Conservative House leader; but I was informed by the hon. member for LaSalle-Émard-Côte Saint-Paul (Mr. Campbell) that an agreement had been reached.