

The Budget—Hon. Marcel Lambert

If it is to be the case—and this is not just idle carping—that members are denied copies of the minister's proposals, but all you have to do is listen to the radio and by 8.20 you have the total budget, while members here had to wait until 9.30 to get the minister's speech in total, then there is something wrong and I would suggest that the matter be looked into so there is no repetition. This would apply also to whoever may be minister of finance next year.

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In the event that the government House leader has quit having fun and games with the continuation of this debate, and if he can indicate to us when the budget debate will resume, bearing in mind the traditions of the House and all that goes with the serious consideration of a budget, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for

Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell), the adjournment of this debate.

On motion of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) the debate was adjourned.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, bearing in mind what the government House leader said the other day regarding debate on the budget to be announced as late as Monday, is it late enough now for him to tell us when this debate will be resumed?

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with the request of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield), the budget debate will commence practically immediately, which in my understanding will be tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. MacEachen the House adjourned at 9.43 p.m.