

Business of the House

would indicate that, with the pledged co-operation of the official opposition and the hoped for co-operation of the NDP, we can demonstrate once and for all that this minority government may still work?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell my hon. friend that today we will be considering the wiretap motion in the name of the Minister of Justice. If we make good progress today and complete that motion, I would call the oil bill tomorrow. I would be prepared to put a motion to adjourn in these circumstances the moment we finish the oil allocation bill. If that could be done Friday or Saturday, it certainly would receive my approval.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, would the minister also like to consider in a last minute way Bill S-4 with regard to establishing national parks, which came out of committee last night? It would be given quick passage by this party and is very desirable so far as all members are concerned.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I would consider that proposal. There are one or two other bills I should like to see passed, notably the CNR bill and the Canada Pension Plan bill. However, not wanting to be overly optimistic, I thought that if we could get the motion on the wiretapping bill dealt with today and then deal with the oil allocation bill we would be ready to adjourn. However, with that mood of co-operation, possibly we might deal with all the others.

● (1500)

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, will the minister consider altering the proposal with regard to the wiretap bill so that this House can send it back to the other place the way we sent it the first time in the hope this can be done in about five minutes?

Mr. Paproski: Send Stanley to the other place.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I understand my hon. friend's suggestion. I have no reason to believe that tactic would solve the problem. As an alternative for the consideration of my hon. friend, I suggest that he allow the issue to come to a decision today so that we will know before the end of the day what solution would be appropriate.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, before asking my supplementary question, may I express my forgiveness to the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski) for the insulting suggestion he made a moment ago. I know he did not mean to be insulting, for he knows I would not go there under any condition. As a matter of fact, he would be a much weightier addition to the other place.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): My supplementary question relates to the last response made by the minister. If there is not an agreement or conclusion with regard to the wiretap issue today, will we be proceeding with it tomorrow or will we revert to the oil bill?

[Mr. Bell.]

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I should really say that I will answer the hon. member after he answers me, but I will live in expectation that he will answer later in the day. I cannot be certain. There are five hours between now and ten o'clock. We will decide then what we will call tomorrow. If there is some chance of disposing of all items tomorrow and Saturday, I will not mind in which order they are called.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY BILL

CREATION OF OFFENCES RELATED TO INTERCEPTION OF PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS BY CERTAIN DEVICES

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice) moved:

That this House does not concur in the amendment made by the Senate to Bill C-176, An act to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act and the Official Secrets Act, but that instead of the said amendment the said Bill be amended by striking out lines 16 to 44 on page 18 and substituting the following:

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| "Report to judge | 178.23(1) Subject to subsection (4), within ninety days next following the period for which an authorisation or any renewal thereof was given, a person specially designated in writing for the purposes of this section by the Attorney General of the province in which the application for the authorization was made or the Solicitor General of Canada, as the case may be, shall make a report, in writing, to the judge who gave the authorization or any renewal thereof or, if such judge is unable to act, a judge of the same jurisdiction, specifying the progress of the investigation in relation to which the authorization or any renewal thereof was given. |
| Judge to consider notification | (2) Upon receipt of the report referred to in subsection (1), the judge to whom the report was made shall consider if it is in the interests of justice and the protection of privacy that any person whose private communications have been intercepted be notified of such interception. |
| Notify Attorney General or Solicitor General | (3) Where the judge to whom a report referred in subsection (1) was made is of the opinion that it is in the interests of justice and the protection of privacy that any person referred to in subsection (2) be notified that his private communications have been intercepted, he shall inform the Attorney General of the province or the Solicitor General of Canada, as the case may be, who shall thereupon notify such person, in writing, of the interception, and deliver to him a copy of the authorization. |
| Exception | (4) Subsection (1) does not apply where the authorization was obtained for the purpose of an interception in relation to the prevention or detection of subversive activity as defined by subsection 16(3) of the <i>Official Secrets Act</i> . |
| No access | (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as giving a person who has received a notice referred to in subsection (3) a right of access to the application for the authorization or any renewal thereof or to the report described in subsection (1) or to any material in support of or in relation to such applications or report. |
| Manner in which report to be kept secret | (6) The report referred to in subsection (1) and any documents related thereto are confidential and shall be dealt with in the manner provided in section 178.14 in respect of documents relating to an application made |