

these amendments should take place after consideration of amendment No. 28. This would give us four divisions. There would be four divisions on amendments No. 24, 26, 27 and 28, which would take place at the same time.

Third, as amendments Nos. 29 and 30 are similar it is suggested that divisions take place on those amendments after consideration of amendment No. 30. At this point the Clerk Assistant would be called upon to serve for two divisions.

Lastly, with regard to amendments Nos. 33, 34, 35, 38, 37 and 19, which also relate to Clause 18 of Bill C-150, perhaps the division on those amendments might take place after the consideration of amendment No. 19. In this instance there would be six divisions.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is this agreed? I should be pleased to hear the views of hon. members on these proposals.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, you referred to six divisions. Do you mean that the bells will be rung on six separate occasions?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am suggesting that there will be one voting exercise. There will be, of course, six different votes. The bells may be rung six times or once only, depending on the desire of the house at that moment. But there would be, of course, six individual divisions, marshalled together and held at the same time. Hon. members will have a fair idea, through their party advisers, when these divisions will be held. But these six different amendments relating to Clause 18 of Bill C-150 would be disposed of at the same time.

Is it agreed that consideration of the report stage of Bill C-150 be adjourned?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** That takes us up to amendment No. 41 inclusive, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand that these matters all cover the subject of abortion. If and when we dispose of this subject we may go to other subjects and to other amendments to the omnibus bill.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

*Housing*  
**AFTER RECESS**

The house resumed at 2 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26**

**HOUSING**

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER AND FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION—MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER STANDING ORDER 26

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. Pursuant to Standing Order 26 the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands, seconded by the hon. member for York South, moves that the house do now adjourn.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, the announcement yesterday by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer) that he is resigning from the cabinet brings to a head the worsening situation with respect to housing in this country. Ever since the end of world war II the steady movement of population to the urban centres has aggravated the housing situation to the point where massive government action is imperative.

Successive governments have followed policies of stalling and procrastination with the result that the situation has grown increasingly desperate. In 1966 the Hon. J. R. Nicholson, then Minister of Labour, was given the task of dealing with housing and staged a series of housing conferences across the country, culminating in a national housing conference in Ottawa a year ago last January. All the data that was collected, all the work that was done, resulted in no announcement of any government policy. Instead, last summer the government appointed another group, a task force on housing headed by the Minister of Transport, to review the matter again.

In recent months that task force tabled a report. We in this party criticized that report. We felt that it failed to come to grips with the realities of the situation. But there were some significant recommendations in it, and the Minister of Transport is not to be blamed when he feels humiliated that his colleagues immediately proceeded to veto the only recommendation that really had a great deal of merit. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) immediately made it clear that the government had no intention of removing the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials.