

*Adjournment Debate*

ertise to see that the impact is not so great that the people in the area cannot possibly afford it?

Finally, when will the government stop trying to save pennies by wasting dollars with respect to military spending, and increase the military budget to a point at which it is adequate to avoid the disastrous economic impact which could conceivably occur if we go ahead with any full-scale base consolidation program at this time?

**Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member who posed this question must be part owl. He seems to function best in the middle of the night. If he is a night owl, then I am a night hawk.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** You are a hoot owl.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** The hoot owl is sitting over there. And he comes from Grenville-Carleton.

I thank the hon. gentleman for the kind words he directed toward me at the beginning of his remarks. I appreciate those remarks but I am not going to let them affect my mental capacity.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** It would take dynamite to do that.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Do get on with it.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** I will try to deal with the questions he has raised. However, he is asking for answers to questions with regard to which no decisions have been made. I thought I explained that in detail last week.

How many bases are being looked at? Well, I suppose the answer is that practically every base in Canada is being looked at with respect to this review. Where are they situated? They are located from coast to coast and their functions range all the way from supply and reconnaissance to training. The salaries of the employees involved

cannot be assessed until it is determined which, if any, of the bases will be closed. The same applies to the impact of closures upon the community. Until this is decided it is not possible to answer—

**Mr. Forrestall:** You will find yourself here once a week until you get some answers, so get used to it. And let us have no slurs with regard to my night owl activities, young man.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** I beg your pardon?

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** You should withdraw that remark.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** If it has caused any offence I would be happy to withdraw it. I did not intend it to be offensive in any way.

**Mr. Forrestall:** We will be here once a week until we get some answers.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** I do not mind that. Obviously it is not—

**Mr. Forrestall:** It is not important to you, but it is to an awful lot of Canadians.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Well, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member wants an answer I will try to give it to him, but he will have to keep quiet for a minute or two. I did not interrupt him when he had seven tenths of the time to ask his question, and I have only three tenths to answer. He is making it impossible for anyone to give him an answer. If he does not want an answer, I will sit down.

**Mr. Forrestall:** You would love to do that. You don't have any answers.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members are aware that the procedure is very strict and that the time allotted for this question and answer has expired.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.27 p.m.