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immediately to hon. members of the committee that this is not the business of the Chair. The problem which faces the Chair is to decide whether the amendment before the committee is procedurally correct. It is not the business of the Chair to decide what "medical care" shall include. If this amendment means anything at all, it means an extension of the services as outlined in the resolution and also, I presume, as mentioned in subparagraph (d) of this clause.

If I were to say that "medical care" includes paramedical services, I should then have to proceed further and decide what paramedical services are going to include. I do not think that is the business of the Chair. It is the business of the bill. I believe this particular amendment expands the normal meaning of "medical services". If it does expand the normal meaning of "medical services", I think it goes beyond what was meant in the original resolution.

I refer hon. members to citation 246 of Beauchesne's fourth edition:

The guiding principle in determining the effect of an amendment upon the financial initiative of the Crown is that the communication, to which the royal demand of recommendation is attached, must be treated as laying down once for all (unless withdrawn and replaced) not only the amount of a charge, but also its objects, purposes, conditions and qualifications.

May I refer hon. members also to May's seventeenth edition, page 551, paragraph 13:

Amendments or new clauses creating public charges cannot be proposed, if no money resolution or ways and means resolution has been passed, or if the amendment or clause is not covered by the terms of the resolution.

It is the opinion of the Chair that the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Hamilton South extends the purpose of the resolution. As such, it imposes an added charge on the crown. I therefore have to rule the amendment out of order.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Chairman, in response to the request from the opposition house leader to be reasonable, if it is the wish of the house I suggest we adjourn until 7.30.

Mr. Lewis: Make it eight o'clock, now.

Mr. MacEachen: All right.

Mr. Knowles: You should have said that to the amendment.

The Chairman: The hon. member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave).

[The Chairman.]

Mr. McCleave: I have no objection, Mr. Chairman. I just hope I will catch your eye as quickly at eight o'clock as I have just now.

Progress reported.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED UNDER ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: The hon. member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave), House of Commons—translation of government publications; the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard), shipping—request for report on safety discussions; the hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre (Mr. Pascoe), estate tax—valuations on farm lands.

Is it the understanding that the sitting be suspended until 8 o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Accordingly, I do now leave the chair.

SITTING SUSPENDED

SITTING RESUMED

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

The Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to resume consideration of Bill C-227 which was being discussed prior to adjournment at six o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD COST OF INSURED MEDICAL CARE

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada toward the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans—Mr. MacEachen—Mr. Batten in the chair.

On subclause (d)—"Insured services".

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, just before the dinner recess we were considering an amendment moved by the hon. member for Hamilton South which would have enlarged the