

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

have developed over the years. But let us look at the traditional procedure under which the federal Parliament authorizes the incorporation of companies. I submit that we incorporate them here because it is felt that the necessary controls for the protection of the Canadian people would otherwise be lacking—because as things are the public interest could not be supervised in any other manner.

May I call it ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, would the leader of the House confirm that the business for Wednesday is as announced?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Notwithstanding the fact that we did not complete consideration of this bill, we shall begin on Wednesday the three bills which were announced—the Canadian student loans bill, the small businesses loans bill and the bill for financing the Canadian National Railways. I forget the order which was given. If we make progress on these measures, we shall for the balance of the afternoon return to the bill we have been discussing.

**PROCEEDINGS ON
ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

**HOUSING—URBAN RENEWAL, VANCOUVER—
REQUEST FOR POLICY STATEMENT**

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Early last week, Mr. Speaker, I gave notice of a debate at ten o'clock because an answer is urgently required from the Minister without Portfolio who is responsible for reporting to this chamber on housing matters.

It will be recognized by all hon. members that several months ago the government put a freeze on urban renewal and development. We would like to have a weather forecast indicating when the thaw is likely to set in. In my constituency of Vancouver East and one adjoining area in Vancouver Centre is a total of 1,315 acres all of which is subject to urban development and renewal. Two of the projects in this area were approved as far back as five years ago. It is therefore understandable that we should be interested in learning from the minister how long we shall

have to wait before construction begins, and just when it is expected he will reach a decision on the policies, procedures and regulations which will be involved in the government's brand new urban renewal and development plans.

In order to give a few examples of what this means in my riding, let me say that I received information from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation that the project known as redevelopment project No. 2, comprising some 28 acres of land, was initially approved in July, 1964. No action has yet been taken.

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There is also urban renewal scheme No. 3 at False Creek flats which was approved in December, 1964. This area comprises a total area of about 900 acres, which is divided into seven sub-areas, of which only one has been completed. We have what is known as Strathcona sub-area, which covers some 40 acres and has a population of 3,000. This application has been deferred until the government brings down its new policy. We also have what is known as urban renewal scheme No. 4A, which was approved on October 3, 1968, and comprises 340 acres. According to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, this submission is being held up pending determination of the government's brand new urban renewal and development policy. Another is urban renewal scheme No. 6, covering seven acres of a residential pocket. This scheme was approved in August, 1967, and only the clearing is under way.

Those are a few examples of projects which have been approved over a period of five years and cover a total of 1,315 acres in my constituency. All the work and development is being held up, to say nothing of the planning, until we are told what is in the mind of the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing in regard to reconstruction and development in the city of Vancouver.

I think I have said sufficient to point out the situation in my constituency and the urgency of the matter. We members of the House of Commons need an indication from the government as to when the thaw will set in and the government will announce its policy. Then construction and redevelopment of these projects can proceed. Such projects are a vital necessity not only in my constituency but throughout the length and breadth of Canada.