

information of hon. members, read the other amendments in reference to the other clauses, without trying to make a decision at this time. The hon. member will then have until the next sitting of the House to consider the amendments. That will give the hon. member an opportunity to raise another point of order if he wishes. It is moved by Mr. Chrétien:

That subclause 6(5) of Bill C-11 be amended by striking out line 38 on page 7 thereof and substituting the following:

"Government of Canada relating to home insulation for the purposes"

The next consequential amendment reads:

That subclause 23(2) of Bill C-11 be amended by striking out line 6 on page 35 thereof and substituting the following:

"of the Government of Canada relating to home insulation by"

The other amendment intends to make the following change:

That subclause 115(1) of Bill C-11 be amended by striking out line 8 on page 210 thereof and substituting the following:

"the Government of Canada relating to home insulation for the pur—"

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Chairman, I have just received these amendments for the first time. Could we stand subclause (5) of clause 6? We could have further discussion on clause 6, other aspects of which we could now debate.

**The Chairman:** Does the committee agree that clause 6 be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Chairman, it was my intention—

**The Chairman:** If the hon. member is suggesting that we stand a subclause, that is impossible. The entire clause has to be in front of the committee. This does not prevent any member from raising any other relative question. However, the only way we can suspend consideration of the subclause is by suspending consideration of the whole clause and by going on to clause 7.

**Mr. Peters:** There is another way. Call it ten o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Ten o'clock.

**The Chairman:** I hear another suggestion. We could at this time call it ten o'clock. Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Translation*]

**The Chairman:** It being ten o'clock, it is my duty to rise, report progress, and request leave to consider the bill again tomorrow at the next sitting of the House. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Progress reported.

### *Adjournment Debate*

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—REASON FOR ELIMINATING FRAUD SQUAD—POSSIBILITY OF REINSTATEMENT

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I am calling for the reinstatement of the Unemployment Insurance Commission Special Investigation Division, otherwise known as the fraud squad.

The fraud squad was disbanded in 1975 after two hours notice, by Mr. Guy Cousineau, the then chairman of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and now president of Loto Canada. Mr. Cousineau's reason for disbandment was that the squad was submitting too much overtime and travel expenses. Mr. Cousineau also ordered that all fraud squad documentation be destroyed.

I am requesting that Mr. Cousineau and the former minister of manpower, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Andras), appear before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration to explain the destruction of documents and reasons for the squad's disbandment. At present, each district office investigates its own fraud situation, which is completely unsatisfactory. The findings of the fraud squad were becoming too embarrassing for the minister and the government and were the main reason for dropping the fraud squad so suddenly. I am also informed criminal embezzlement was reaching \$100 million yearly.

At a special investigation division conference held in Ottawa in December, 1974, a UIC official, Mr. D. Coates, stated, and I quote from the conference minutes:

... the SID was established almost overnight at the insistence of senior management and under the direction of senior management to meet an urgent need. ... To talk, however, of abolishing such a division cannot be a responsible position in light of the evidence of internal and external fraud.

Statements this past week that private investigators in Toronto can gain access to UIC computers and receive unemployment insurance records is further evidence that the fraud squad should be put together again.

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There are other areas of concern. My informants state that internal fraud has infiltrated the pay system in the Unemployment Insurance Commission. UIC employees are receiving cheques from UIC computers. Embezzlement in the UIC is out of control.

Investigation should also be launched to confirm how easy it is to obtain extra social insurance numbers needed to defraud the UIC. One UIC embezzler working out of Edmonton and Calgary had 100 social insurance cards in his possession when arrested for UIC fraud by the former special investigation division. He was fraudulently receiving \$10,000 weekly in payments when arrested. A similar racket was discovered in