

ment to pass the good Bill being introduced today by the Minister of Veterans Affairs and use it as a message to other Ministers who seem to believe they have no responsibility to their constituents.

The role of the Minister of National Defence and of the Associate Minister of National Defence is not only to protect the defences of this country but also to protect the rights of the men and women who fight and work so hard on our behalf. Unfortunately, those Ministers seem to have washed their hands of that responsibility and have indeed taken their own pompous sense of self-importance to the point where they are prepared to declare unilaterally, with no constitutional or regulatory base, that members or former members of the Armed Forces who use the words "Canadian Armed Forces" in their association will be subject to prosecution.

Do Government Members support the Minister of Veterans Affairs and his work or the Associate Minister of National Defence who would like to prosecute our veterans and former members of the Armed Forces, simply because they are trying to establish their rights and responsibilities with respect to pensions and superannuation?

Having just been inducted into the Canadian Legion Branch 58—the greatest branch of the Legion in Canada—I suggest that most of the members on the Government side of the House prefer the Bill, the method and the quality of life ensured by the Minister of Veterans Affairs and disagree and categorically reject the position taken by the Associate Minister of National Defence. If they believe, as I do, that the Associate Minister of National Defence has bitten off more than he can chew when he suggests that he will prosecute former members of the Armed Forces for using the title "Canadian Forces Pensioners' Association", I suggest they contact the Associate Minister of National Defence and tell him to take a few lessons from his colleague, the Minister of Veterans Affairs. The Minister is a man and a Member of Parliament who is fighting for the rights of veterans, unlike his colleague who is doing nothing and is suggesting prosecution in an absolutely despicable way.

● (1700)

Mr. Nunziata: Am I permitted the opportunity to speak?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, after I read the "Late Show" questions, we will have questions and comments on the speech of the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps). Then we will continue debate.

Army Benevolent Fund Act and Related Acts

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

[*Translation*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Don Valley East (Mr. Attewell)—External affairs—CIA funding of brainwashing experiment; the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) (a) Agriculture—Cash advance program (b) Committee referrals; the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway)—Youth—Job-creation programs.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

**ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND ACT AND RELATED
ACTS**

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Hees that Bill C-100, an Act to amend the Army Benevolent Fund Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act, the Compensation for Former Prisoners of War Act, the Pension Act, the Veterans' Land Act and the War Veterans Allowance Act, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are there any questions or comments on the speech of the Hon. Member for Hamilton East?

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer the question put to me by the Hon. Member.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Minister for Veterans Affairs (Mr. Hees) have unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Hees: The Hon. Member was asking about Clause 14. I would like to give her the answer. Clause 14 deals with the harmonization of war veterans allowance income with the GIS. I am very happy to be able to advise the Hon. Member that there will be no loss of income whatsoever to war veterans allowance recipients in this regard.

I would like to thank the Hon. Member for her very kind remarks. However, I feel I should at this moment say to her that in all matters brought forward by the Government, I myself and all Members of the Cabinet support the Government's position. I wish her to know that I do support the position of the Government with regard to members of our Armed Forces and the RCMP about whom she was speaking.