

## Business of the House

be withdrawn and that we proceed in the usual fashion prescribed by rules that make for order, that make for discipline, and that make for freedom. If there is anything that tends more than anything else to throw power into the hands of the administration and those who are associated with them, it is disrespect for and departure from the long-established traditions and rules of this house. If we lightly depart from them, as unfortunately was the custom in the last three years following the war, we shall see confusion, and loss of dignity in this house and lack of respect for it, which I fear is already apparent.

**Mr. Angus MacInnis (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I do not rise to take part in this filibuster. This motion was introduced and spoken to by the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent), who gave his reasons for it. It was spoken to by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew), who gave his reasons why he considered it was not necessary. It was spoken to by the leader of my party (Mr. Coldwell), who I believe very clearly put our case as to why we are supporting it. I cannot understand all this talk about the danger to order, about the danger to democracy, and all the other dangers that have been mentioned. Surely this is a question of orderly procedure in parliament, and whether we agree with it or not is a matter to be decided by the vote of parliament.

I think every hon. member, I suppose at least every hon. member on this side of the house, regrets that the government has felt it necessary to postpone the debate on the speech from the throne, or rather to postpone it if it is not finished by the end of next week. That is a longer time than the government suggested at first, and that in itself is one of the hallmarks of democratic procedure. There has been a compromise between the two extremes. If the government did not get all they expected to get or wished to get in the first instance, the opposition got at least some of what it wanted.

We will have a whole week to discuss questions which affect our own constituencies and I agree with the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green) and other hon. members that there are important questions that will have to be aired in this house. But I believe that the sooner we get this issue finished with the quicker we can come to questions that are important. If the question of Newfoundland is not important, we can come to questions that are.

I think it was the hon. member for Vancouver South who said that democracy was under attack. I cannot conceive of anything

that can bring democracy more into disrepute than futile discussions in the House of Commons.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Gardiner) which was agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS

## Messrs:

Abbott	Jaenicke
Archibald	Jean
Baker	Johnston
Beaudoin	Jones
Beaudry	Jutras
Belzile	King, Mackenzie
Benidickson	Kirk
Bentley	Knight
Bertrand (Laurier)	Knowles
Bertrand (Prescott)	LaCroix
Blackmore	Jafontaine
Blanchette	Lalonde
Boivin	Langlois
Bonnier	Lapointe
Boucher	Laurendeau
Bourget	Leger
Bowerman	Little
Bradette	Low
Breithaupt	McCann
Brown	McCuaig
Brunelle	McCubbin
Bryce	McCulloch (Pictou)
Burton	McCullough (Assiniboia)
Campbell	Macdonald (Brantford City)
Caouette	MacDonald (Parry Sound)
Castleden	McGarry
Chevrier	McIlraith
Claxton	MacInnis
Cloutier	McIvor
Coldwell	McKay
Coté (Matapedia-Matane)	MacKinnon
Coté (St. Johns-Iberville-Napierville)	MacLean
Coté (Verdun)	MacNaught
Cruikshank	Maloney
Demers	Marier
Denis	Martin
Dickey	Matthews (Brandon)
Dion (Lake St. John-Roberval)	Matthews (Kootenay East)
Dionne (Beauce)	Maybank
Douglas	Mayhew
Emmerson	Mitchell
Eudes	Moore
Fair	Mullins
Fontaine	Mutch
Fournier (Hull)	Nicholson
Gardiner	Nixon
Gariépy	Pearson
Garson	Picard
Gibson (Comox-Alberni)	Probe
Gibson (Hamilton West)	Quelch
Gillis	Raymond (Wright)
Gingues	Reid
Gladstone	Richard (Gloucester)
Golding	Richard (Ottawa East)
Gour (Russell)	Rinfret
Gourd (Chapleau)	Robinson (Simcoe East)
Grant	St. Laurent
Gregg	Shaw
Hamel	Sinclair
Hansell	Sinnott
Harris (Grey-Bruce)	Smith (York North)
Herridge	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Hlynka	Stuart (Charlotte)
Howe	Strum, Mrs.
Irvine	Thatcher
Isnor	