

tant issue. It will assure the people of Canada that members have expressed their opinion immediately and have taken a vote on the matter at an early date.

• (7:40 p.m.)

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council has accurately summed up the views of the House leaders. That seems to be a resumé of the feeling of the hon. members. I endorse fully what he says. An hon. member who feels he has a view to express on this most important subject should not be deprived from doing so.

On the question of the vote, I repeat that in the light of commitments which may well have been made for Saturday, the vote should not be taken until Monday in the circumstances which the President of the Privy Council has indicated. Tomorrow, we should have a question period to make up for the one we magnanimously gave up today.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council has correctly outlined the points on which as House Leaders we reached agreement a short while ago and we are happy to support this order at this time. There is one point which might be underlined—maybe it was stated, but, if so, I did not hear it. It was understood as part of our agreement that when the debate on this motion ends tomorrow it will be deemed that a recorded vote is to be held on Monday, whether or not there are sufficient members here at the time the debate ends to ask for a recorded vote. In other words, it is part of the order to which we are agreeing now that there is to be a recorded vote on this motion as the first item of government business on Monday.

[Translation]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, we agree with the suggestions made by the President of the Privy Council.

[English]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I just ask one question, Mr. Speaker? At what time are we sitting on Monday under these arrangements?

Mr. MacEachen: I expect we shall sit at eleven o'clock on Monday and deal with routine proceedings, then take the vote as the first item on government orders. Then, we shall call the debate on the address and it will be regarded as another appointed day.

Mr. Baldwin: Would the President of the Privy Council be good enough to tell us upon what day the next vote will be taken in connection with the debate on the address?

Mr. MacEachen: I think it will be on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker: I shall not attempt to repeat the details of the proposals which appear to have been agreed upon by hon. members. I think a reading of *Hansard* will probably indicate what it is we have agreed upon. I shall

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perhaps seek authority to publish tomorrow an abbreviated Order Paper, one which would contain only government orders and routine proceedings. As hon. members know, there is a backlog of private members' motions and it would complicate the lives of many people were we to attempt to publish the usual Order Paper tomorrow. I suggest we have an abridged Order Paper for tomorrow's sitting.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Guy LeBlanc (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I was wondering what could be my role in this debate, in my capacity as member for Rimouski, especially when speaking after ministers and members both from the government and the opposition side, and I concluded it was the role of a Quebec backbencher who believes that he has been elected not to destroy Canada, but to bring about the Canadian ideal.

It is useless to insist on the fact that the situation is serious, and that some adventurers, citizens of Canada, want to destroy our country, beginning with the province of Quebec. It is clear that what is being sought is to deprive Canadian citizens of their freedom.

Free member of Parliament elected by free citizens, I shall endeavour in the next few minutes to say briefly what my fellow citizens of the riding of Rimouski and a good number of other Quebecers think and want.

Most of my electors in the riding of Rimouski are happy with the step taken by the government of Canada to enable Canada to keep its good name with regard to freedom. When I speak of the majority of my electors, I think not only of those who have voted for me, but also of numerous personal friends, even amongst the Progressive Conservatives in the riding who would have been grieved by the woolly attitude of the leader of the opposition (Mr. Stanfield) during the debate today. I could say the same about the friends I have among the Creditistes in the riding of Rimouski.

As for those we call separatists, independentists or members of the FLQ who always feel they respect freedom, they refused to take advantage of certain rights inherent in freedom by failing to exercise their right to vote.

My fellow citizens of the riding of Rimouski, like most Quebecers, are dynamic members of the Canadian society, because they are honest, responsible and efficient, not because they speak up loudly; on the contrary, they are called "the silent majority".

• (7:50 p.m.)

In my opinion, dynamism is not only a matter of loud and forceful words but of results. Those serious and honest people work every day to make a success of their careers and to help Canada grow. What do they want? I can say that as a member of Parliament I have the same ambition, although it may appear more radical. We all think, however, that this is not the appropriate time to express lofty thoughts. We should not be wasting our time stating our views however inspiring they may be; the time has come to act in order to get concrete results