

House of Commons Procedures

House to have appointed Speakers such as those I have known since I came here. I am satisfied with the way Speakers are appointed.

Mr. Chairman, I suggest once more that parliamentary procedure in the house should have been improved a long time ago, but it was not done. In fact, we have no time to do anything nowadays.

There is the unemployment problem which should certainly take part of the time of the house, so that we may find a solution. There is also the problem of agriculture—

The Chairman: Order.

Mr. Latulippe: —there is the problem of finance—

The Chairman: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but I must remind him that he should limit his remarks to paragraph 1 of the resolution now before us.

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Chairman, I would like to repeat to the House that we must take time out for meals at the proper hours.

I think that we are able to do a man's job within the regular sitting hours. We should be able to work and represent the Canadian people honourably during reasonable hours, without doing away with meal-time recesses.

Nowadays, we do not have time for anything in this House. When we must take our responsibilities, we are no longer able to do so. All matters are submitted to independent House committees for consideration, large sums of money are spent to set up committees and to pay employees outside the regular government staff.

It seems that members no longer have time to work; they do not want to take their responsibilities. We have great responsibilities; let us face up to them. We are paid to take our responsibilities; let us take them. We do not take them because a great number of committees have been created; the work is done by independent men, outside ranks of the citizens who are elected by the people.

We are the ones elected and paid by the people and, consequently, we must do our work. We do not do our work because we do not want to face up to our responsibilities. Great responsibilities rest on our shoulders; let us accept them. We have been elected because of our promises to the people to represent them with dignity. Therefore, let us abide by our oath of office.

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I conclude my remarks in that vein and, again, I would like to have dinner at six o'clock and lunch at noon.

• (8:50 p.m.)

[*English*]

The Chairman: Is the Committee ready for the question?

Amendment (Mr. Knowles) negated: yeas 17; nays 74.

The Chairman: Does this conclude the discussion on clause 1?

Mr. Knowles: May I ask the President of the Privy Council a question before we conclude discussion on paragraph 1, but first may I say I am glad to note we can count on 74 hon. Members being here between seven and eight o'clock.

In view of the Minister's statement that plans have been made to engage extra staff, but in view of his further statement that this extra staff cannot be engaged until after the House passes the order, is it the intention to bring this fully into effect on Monday of next week, or will there not be a few days or a week of grace so that the necessary adjustments can be made?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, the necessary arrangements have been made to bring this fully into effect on Monday.

Mr. Knowles: Does that mean there will be engaged by Monday sufficient extra *Hansard* reporters, *Hansard* editors, page boys, interpreters, translators, protective staff and all the rest?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, I do not keep track of the individual staff Members and which one is on duty for each day. As the hon. Member probably well knows, it will be done by a combination of circumstances, some by having extra hours of work, some by working on their normal days off, some by extra staff, and by various other arrangements.

Mr. Knowles: Will you handle the complaints?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will be very glad to.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, may I direct a question to the President of the Privy Council?

Would he take down the names of all the Liberal members who voted in favour of