

the Minister of Justice are being spread all over the country, demands immediate discussion in this chamber. It is this matter about which I wish to speak.

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand that there is urgency in this matter and I can assure the hon. member that I am quite convinced it is a matter of substantial and serious urgency. But, with respect, I do not think it should necessarily be settled within 30 minutes, within an hour, or immediately. As the hon. member says, the matter has been publicly referred to and has gained some prominence. I doubt whether it will gain additional prominence if the motion of the hon. member is allowed to stand for a while. Again I would suggest that this be done.

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that Your Honour has said that this is a matter of importance and should be dealt with within a reasonable time, I wonder whether Your Honour would indicate to us how long it will be before Your Honour brings in a decision on the merits of the motions?

**Mr. Turner:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that all hon. members agree on just how important the matter before the house is and how urgent it is, I wonder whether the Chair should be pressed into making an immediate decision—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Turner:** —because it is very important for the rules of this house that the right decision is made by the Chair. I would therefore urge hon. members to give the Chair a chance to make the right decision.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, you have asked members of the house to give you some time to consider the two motions before Your Honour. May I respectfully suggest to you, sir, and to the members of this house that the proper thing to do now is to adjourn the house for an hour or so—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Lewis:** —so that you may give this matter the consideration you think necessary and so this most unpleasant spectacle may come to an end. I would urge you, sir, and all members of the house to agree to an adjournment until six o'clock so that Your Honour may have the time, and everybody else may have the time, to go into this matter and to do it properly.

### *Question of Privilege*

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Lewis:** If there are problems about moving such a motion, Mr. Speaker, I should like to hear what the house leader has to say.

**Mr. Pearson:** Surely it is only reasonable and right that in a matter of this importance, so difficult and complicated for the Speaker, he be given some time to decide what is the right course to follow. The hon. member opposite has said that this must be decided today, immediately, now. I recall the insinuations and the charges of arson, murder and bankruptcy and everything over the years, and the remedy for these charges was to set up a royal commission.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Absolutely.

**Mr. Pearson:** This is a matter that should be decided and decided quickly but surely, Mr. Speaker, you ought to be given some opportunity to look into this matter and surely, also, while that is being done the house can go on with the business before it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this house now stand adjourned until 6 p.m. this day.

• (4:10 p.m.)

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Churchill:** Order. It is not debatable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. McIlraith:** May I ask—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, before the hon. member makes his motion may I ask him a question?

**Mr. Churchill:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, this motion is not debatable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that the motion is not debatable. It is also not receivable at this time. The hon. member is now proposing a motion which is in the form of a superseding motion. There has to be something before the house before a motion to adjourn the house can be moved and at the moment there is nothing before the house.

The hon. member cannot, under the guise of a point of order, rise to ask the adjournment of the house. There has to be business before the house and a motion under consideration, followed by a superseding motion