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interval between the counts, while those upholding the motion on this side of the House were only counted once. It may well have been although I did not notice it, that members came into our ranks too during that interval.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Horner: I am assured by my colleagues that there were none, but still the principle is the same, that only one count for each side should be taken. There should not be a second count taken on the other side if there are not enough members there in the first instance. I cannot help but rise at the first opportunity to raise this point of privilege because this may be establishing a precedent which will not augur well for democracy in the years ahead.

Mr. Otto: On the point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) has put forward a position which you might take into consideration, and if the counting of the heads was not proper then of course the count should be nullified.

Mr. Crouse: You are the rottenest one of the lot over there.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I merely rise on a point of order to point out to Your Honour that in contravention of Standing Order 12(2) hon. members walked into this House while the vote was being taken.

Mr. Jerome: On both sides.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order, please. The point has been made by the hon. member for Peace River, and other hon. members, who indicate that in their view there was an irregularity in connection with the vote taken in committee. The matter can be looked into, but there is really nothing before the House now. I am wondering what order of business should be identified.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to refer to what happened in the committee—

Mr. Crouse: You can't because you were not even here. You sneaked in. That is why you cannot speak.

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I am—

Mr. Horner: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would take his right seat he could then address the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I note that we have solved that problem, that one point which is well taken.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the hon. member and I thank him for drawing this to my attention. My seat had been occupied by another person. That is why I was not in it.

In view of the fact that it is 5.20, Mr. Speaker, and that it would not be appropriate to call another item of business, I would move that the House adjourn until tomorrow at the regular time of sitting.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the minister making a formal motion, with a seconder?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I second it.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), moves that the House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

On motion of Mr. MacEachen the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.