

Business of the House

I do not think the hon. member can suggest that a matter of misrepresentation should be sent to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. It is either a breach of parliamentary privilege or it is not, and in my understanding and interpretation of parliamentary privilege I do not think that the matter can be studied by the House or by one of its committees under this heading.

but I think there may be votes on a number of amendments.

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be some difficulty as to how this decision should be embedded. My impression is that it might be difficult to make a decision of the House to complete the discussion and the votes by nine o'clock. In fact this would be extremely difficult and in practice I really do not see how it could be done. My own thought is that we should adopt the suggestion made by the hon. member for Timiskaming that any votes be called at nine o'clock. This is the only suggestion I can make to the House. Otherwise I do not see how we could make an order of the House, but of course I am in the hands of hon. members.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

[Translation]

Fourth report of Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence—Mr. Lachance.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau): Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a correction in *Hansard* of June 25.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I regret having to interrupt the hon. member, but this correction should be made on the order for motions and not when reports of committees are presented. We will come back to the matter in a moment.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, with respect to the business of the House to be dealt with this evening, it may be recalled that last night I called Bill C-176 as the first item of government business. As a result of discussions held since and because of the desire to complete Bill C-243, an act to amend the Judges Act, I am now proposing that we deal with Bill C-243 at eight o'clock on the understanding that all decisions relating to the disposition of that bill will be completed not later than nine o'clock and that that understanding be now embedded in a House order so that we will not have any difficulties later this day.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, we are always prepared to help the government out when it gets into difficulties and needs assistance.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make one inquiry. Does the House leader intend to have a vote on completion of discussion of Bill C-243?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, my suggestion is that all decisions, including a vote if required, be completed by nine o'clock. If there is a vote we ought to get it going before nine o'clock.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to that bill, and the minister has a number of amendments. I would be agreeable to end the discussion at nine o'clock,

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I will have to have further consultations in order to resolve this difficulty.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

STATEMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS IN PROPOSED FAMILY INCOME SECURITY PLAN

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, before Parliament adjourns for the summer I should like to make a progress report to the House on the improvements being made in the proposed family income security plan as a result of the extensive discussions we have had with the provinces in recent months.

Visits were made to all provinces by myself and my officials at the time the white paper was placed before Parliament last December in order to outline and discuss the nature and scope of the federal proposals with the provincial ministers and their officials. A federal-provincial conference of welfare ministers was held in January at which time the proposals were further reviewed and the views of the provinces were obtained. On the basis of their suggestions, and others that were received from interested organizations and individuals, the government made a number of important changes in its proposals for the family income security plan. I then again visited the provinces to discuss these modifications. Some further adjustments in the proposals resulted from these talks. Another meeting of welfare ministers was held in early June to afford the provinces an opportunity to discuss these and other matters relating to income security. It is now expected that it will be possible to complete very soon the discussion phase inherent in the white paper technique and to proceed with the drafting of legislation.

The federal government has endeavoured to ensure that the federal plan would fit into provincial priorities and social policies. This has been especially true in the case of Quebec which is the only province that has a supplementary family allowance plan, administers its own youth allowances, and has proposed a selective family income program along the lines of the federal