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this could be dealt with in another way; but having in mind the express provision of the British North America Act in this regard it seems to me we should be careful. I can see someone coming along later and saying these allowances were paid illegally and we would have another field day for the lawyers.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Let us hear from Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I wonder if it would not be more conducive to good order and progress in the house if we were to let this matter stand and go on with the next item of business. There would, as I understand it, be no delay if the government decided to introduce a resolution to precede the bill; it would not kill the bill in any way. I am not suggesting that if a ruling were made by the Chair it would necessarily be in favour of the point of order advanced by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), but since time is advancing this evening it is the opinion of the Chair that the matter might be allowed to stand until tomorrow and the next order of business called.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I was just rising to make the same suggestion to Your Honour. It was obviously a very debatable point we were discussing—a matter which only the Chair can decide. I may say at once the government is only too happy to abide by whatever decision the Chair may make in this matter but I think it would be helpful if we could, as you suggest, have this matter adjourned until the Speaker has had an opportunity to reflect upon it, and proceed to the next item of business.

Perhaps, while I am on my feet, you would permit me to inquire whether it might be the wish of the house to let us go on for half an hour so that we could hear the hon. lady give her exposition of the important measure which is the next order of business.

**Mr. Nowlan:** It is snowing outside now. We do not want any more of it.

On motion of Mr. Pickersgill the debate was adjourned.

**PENSIONS**

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, BLIND AND DISABLED PAYMENTS, ETC.

On the order:

Second reading of Bill C-125, an act to amend the Old Age Assistance Act, the Disabled Persons Act and the Blind Persons Act.

**Mr. Howard:** Before the hon. lady makes her comments with respect to this bill I think

we would do well to reflect on the suggestion made by the Secretary of State that we should sit half an hour beyond the normal sitting time in order that the hon. lady, or another minister, might make remarks of an introductory nature. Perhaps before we reflect on that suggestion we might consider it to be ten o'clock. This would give the hon. lady a fresh start tomorrow.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Well, I suppose one bows to the inevitable.

**Mr. Churchill:** Has anyone called it ten o'clock?

We are prepared to go on for half an hour.

**Mr. Howard:** I thought I had made it clear earlier that it should be ten o'clock.

**Mr. Chevrier:** It is not ten o'clock yet.

**An hon. Member:** Thirty seconds to go.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Churchill:** If it is now ten o'clock, may I ask what is to be the business for tomorrow and Wednesday?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think, in line with the suggestion made by Your Honour, it would be preferable to go ahead now with the bill on the pensions and then, perhaps, after that Your Honour could give a decision on the point which was raised and we would go ahead with the bill on the world's fair.

Then we would proceed to deal with the other two bills which were indicated by my colleague the Solicitor General, the measure concerning the auditors of the C.N.R. and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act. If these were to be completed I am sure, by consultation, we could get something more done tomorrow.

I am very grateful for the excellent co-operation there has been today and if we can get at least those four measures done tomorrow I think we can be much more hopeful about the conclusion of the session.

**Mr. Churchill:** What are the prospects for Wednesday—legislation or estimates?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think we should take estimates on Wednesday, and I hope to confer with hon. gentlemen opposite about which estimates will be taken. I would hope that on Wednesday the house would agree to sit either in the evening or, if that does not seem possible, at least until seven o'clock so as to make some progress with whatever estimates are before us.

It being one minute after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put.