

there are changes, we reserve the right to look this over in caucus in a democratic way.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we are most anxious to see an arrangement of this nature agreed to. Perhaps I might throw a little oil on troubled waters, if there is any oil to spare—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Crude or castor oil?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I do not know whether it is sweet oil, sour oil or bunker oil. My suggestion is that there be a meeting of the House leaders as early as possible this afternoon and that if we can reach an agreement, as I believe we can, we put that agreement into effect later this day.

We stand by our agreement to the initial offer of the President of the Privy Council yesterday. May I say that in the bargaining that took place yesterday, when the hon. member for Crowfoot would not agree to Bill C-190 I made an offer to go a bit farther with the parks bill. I made that offer quite straightforwardly. One or two of my colleagues feel that they would like a committee discussion of that bill but we still agree to no further discussion in the House on that bill. I put in that point of protection, but I do think we could reach agreement on the total package after a meeting of the House leaders this afternoon, and I hope the government House leader will summon such a meeting.

Some hon. Members: Now.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, the position of our party is as clear today as it was yesterday when, on behalf of my colleagues, I indicated our willingness to accept the government's proposition without discussion.

What really matters to us, Mr. Speaker, is that the bill concerning family allowances, although imperfect, be passed as soon as possible and without debate. It would still be an improvement over the present situation.

Now that I have risen, Mr. Speaker, I should like to clarify a point: yesterday, the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell) and Progressive Conservative House leader stated, as reported in *Hansard* on page 8441, and I quote:

Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I am sure I speak for all members of my party when I say that we will give our sincere and utmost co-operation to this worth-while Christmas-like suggestion, without debate.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite surprised to see that after one day the Progressive Conservatives have started to disagree again. They are going to filibuster so as to prevent the passing of this legislation. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that the Conservatives get together for ten minutes so as to reach an agreement, come back to us afterwards and really work.

Local Initiatives Program

● (1440)

[English]

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, of course the answer to the last statement is that we stand by our word but the ground rules have been changed again.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Bell: We will agree to a House leaders' meeting this afternoon, and when we see the proposition in writing we will try to make progress later today on what the government House leader puts forward.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think that some measure of agreement has been reached at this point. At least hon. members have agreed to try to agree.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CERTAIN MOTIONS TO ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, following what the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) said at the beginning of today's session, and as a result of the legal roadblock which Your Honour, I am sure, reluctantly threw up with regard to what was proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) and by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent), behind which the government has crept for shelter, I would ask leave under Standing Order 43 to move as follows:

That this House order that the Notices of Motions appearing in the names of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby and the hon. member for Calgary North under notices pursuant to Standing Order 58 be transferred to the item "Daily Routine of Business—Motions."

Mr. Speaker: Does the House give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO CONSTITUENCIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask unanimous consent of the House to move a motion—

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Cossitt: With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, I do not think they are mind readers on the other side of the House—perhaps mindless rather than mind readers. I ask unanimous consent of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43 pertaining to the manner in which funds under the Local Initiatives Program have been