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**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Baker:** If Hon. Members opposite start making remarks, I will speak until after nine o'clock. That is fair. If I talk until after nine o'clock, the Government will be forced to come back to the House tomorrow on Bill C-51. At that time I will speak again, have someone interrupt, and continue all day long.

I would like to return to my original point. The Government of Canada has now changed its policy. That was accomplished by the people of Canada who opposed the terrible measure to be imposed upon them by the new Government. It was an accomplishment. Those of us who objected should all take pride in that. A headline in *The Citizen* of Ottawa reads: "The Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister Split Over Pensions". We know who won. The people of Canada won against the decisions of both those gentlemen.

My colleagues have advised me that we wish to seek unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment we are now discussing. I am going to do that in a minute.

However, let us not forget that this Government has whacked another tax on transportation fuel. The people of Canada will not forget that. That is in addition to the other taxes which were imposed in the Budget. Let us not forget that the Government has also imposed a sales tax on items which all Canadians use. That tax was extended for the first time to include additional items, and it was increased.

Let us not forget what the Government has done since it took office. It has selectively given to certain groups, such as the oil companies, billions of dollars. Then the Government turned around and whacked taxes on the ordinary people of Canada. That is what the Government did. That is how the books are balanced by the Government of Canada. The people of Canada will not forget that. They will not forget the actions which have been taken by the Government. Never again will the people of Canada trust the words of the Government.

With those words I would respectfully ask all Members of the House for their unanimous consent that I withdraw the amendment is presently before the House.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain on a point of order.

**Mr. Deans:** First, I would like to offer the consent of this Party to withdraw the amendment. I am sure there is unanimous consent. However, it may require that the Speaker be in the chair in order to facilitate what I am about to request. I would like to ask that the committee rise now and report. Then with the Speaker in the chair I could make a suggestion regarding this legislation and two or three other pieces which are still before the House.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Shall I rise and report progress?

### *Business of the House*

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Chairman, I gather that there is unanimous consent. We in this Party certainly appreciate the gesture made by the Hon. Member in withdrawing his amendment. If we could have it declared that the amendment is now removed, Mr. Chairman, then you could proceed back to the chair.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Chairman, in the spirit of co-operation, we agree with the proposal which has been made and we will give our unanimous consent to have you reoccupy the chair.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Shall I rise and report progress?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Progress reported.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, certain discussions have taken place over the course of the day and we have agreed to pass certain legislation this evening in order that Royal Assent can be obtained. In addition to that, an understanding has been reached that at the end of tomorrow's Question Period the House would rise. Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to seek the unanimous consent of the House not to see the clock this evening until such time as the legislative package which has been agreed upon has been completed, and until such time as Royal Assent has been sought and received.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I understand what the House Leader for the New Democratic Party is attempting, but I would like him to give us the list to which he has referred so that all Members of the House would be aware of what we are talking about. Secret deals have taken place, without any consultation, to my knowledge, and I would like to participate.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, if there has been secrecy, I am about to do away with that secrecy. In my usual way, I would like to inform the House, and the people of the country who are all glued to their television sets watching this as opposed to the Blue Jays or the Expo games, what we intend to do.

The legislative package which we had discussed was to obtain third reading of Bill C-51, which is the borrowing Bill and third reading of Bill C-44, which is a Bill respecting amendments to the Western Grain Transportation Act. We also discussed legislation which must be dealt with before the House rises for the summer. That legislation included amending the Judges Act and other statutes concerning additional