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OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1975

11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRAYERS

By unanimous consent, Mr. Andras (Port Arthur), seconded by Mr. Sharp, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-75, An Act to increase the rate of return on Government Annuity contracts, to increase their flexibility and to discontinue future sales thereof, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and Recommendation of the Governor General pursuant to Standing Order 62(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons a measure to increase in the manner prescribed all Government Annuities payable on or after April 1, 1975; to provide for a rate of interest of seven percent for the period commencing April 1, 1975 in determining the value of an Annuity prior to the date on which it becomes payable; to provide for credits to the Government Annuities Account in the circumstance prescribed; and to increase in the manner prescribed the flexibility of Annuities.

The Order being read for the consideration of the Business of Supply;

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Before putting the motion, I note that no point of order was raised about the motion. The use of the allotted day as we know it now is of quite recent duration. To my knowledge it is not therefore the subject of any precedents concerning the motion put forward on an allotted day in so far as it may conflict with the usual business of the House or relate to it. There are precedents of course, that no motion ought to be put before the House which anticipates other business before the House, as well, that the House ought not to pronounce itself on any question which it has already pronounced itself upon.

There is the obvious reference to this program when Bill C-73 has just received second reading and is before the standing committee and, that would raise some questions I am sure as to whether or not in voting on second reading of that Bill the House has already pronounced itself on the question.

There is, of course, the counter-argument that this motion is of broader scope than the particular Bill. That may be so. In addition, there is the reverse of that proposition that when the House pronounces itself on this motion at the end of today or at 9.45 p.m. on Monday evening when the vote takes place, the question may then come up as to