

Business of the House

report progress, and ask leave to sit again, in order that I may detail some plans for the further business of the house.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall I rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit later this day or at the next sitting of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

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Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, there have been some discussions among the house leaders and with some other members about the business and we have some suggestions we would like to put forward which we think will meet the wishes of all hon. members. They are that we now proceed immediately to deal with third reading of the old age security supplementary pensions bill. When that is completed tonight we will consider certain items which I shall outline now. They are items Nos. 93, 100, 79, 96, 104, 110 and 117. The first two items, the one dealing with the export credits insurance bill and the other with incentives for scientific research, we would wish to have finished.

Mr. Starr: Would you repeat them again in sequence?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes. The export credit insurance measure would be first. That is item 93. The second would be item 100, the legislation for incentives for the expansion of scientific research. We might not complete the other five of the seven items I have mentioned, but we would like to complete the first two if we could tonight and we would like the consent of the house to continue our sitting after 10 o'clock tonight in order to accomplish this.

Tomorrow we expect to be able to have royal assent to the old age security bill at or about ten o'clock. We would, of course, continue tomorrow with the transport bill, and we would need the concurrence of the house to continue our sitting tomorrow night after six o'clock. We would then adjourn the house for a recess and the adjournment would be until January 9. I shall have the formal motion for the adjournment on the order paper tomorrow. I have given notice of it this afternoon and it will be on the order paper for tomorrow. If that course of action is agreeable, I should like it so ordered and to proceed in that way.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

• (8:10 p.m.)

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the house leader. He specifically mentioned that items 93 and 100 on the order paper would be dealt with tonight after the normal sitting hour. On the other hand, he also mentioned there were some seven items. How will we be able to deal with the other items? Will they be dealt with tomorrow?

Mr. McIlraith: I should like to deal with them tonight if it is possible to do so. I would not like to undertake to call them tomorrow. We might not proceed with some of them.

Mr. Starr: Is the time for sitting after ten o'clock any particular time?

Mr. McIlraith: I would be glad to put some reasonable limitation on it which would accomplish the business we have in mind. I should like to get the old age security measure and these first two measures through in any event. But if we finish those items before 11.30 we would then take any of the other items I have mentioned. That might be a fair suggestion if it could be so ordered.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, the house leader has accurately stated the conclusion we reached at our meeting this afternoon. We are prepared to agree to the house order which he suggests. Perhaps I should emphasize our understanding about tonight. It is that we are prepared to sit after ten o'clock for whatever time is necessary to complete the old age security item and the first two items which the minister mentioned. What we do after that will depend on what time it is, the mood of the house, and so on.

Mr. McIlraith: That is right.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Is it agreed by the house that following the discussion of the business of the house third reading of Bill C-251 will be taken?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the house also agree to sit beyond ten o'clock this evening?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I understand that in sitting beyond ten o'clock no time limit has been set. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Starr: Provided, Mr. Speaker, that we undertake only the legislation which has been mentioned and not the transport bill.

Mr. McIlraith: That is right.