

*Adjournment Motion*

ly opposed the rise in interest rates and which is now defending increases in interest rates by saying that they are necessary and something over which we have no control. When the Conservatives were in opposition they attacked the Liberal government almost monthly because the cost of living was increasing regularly and rapidly. They were calling on the government of the day to do something about the increased cost of living. Now we have the spectacle of the Conservative Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) and Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) arguing, as the Liberals did when they were in office, that there is nothing which can be done about the increased cost of living.

I found it interesting that the lead speaker for the Liberal party in this debate was good enough to be the lead speaker for that party today, but was not good enough to continue in the cabinet when the Liberals were in office. It was also interesting to hear the former minister of finance tell the House how successful their policies were and how they were able to protect Canadians against a recession when we have had more than three quarters of a million people unemployed for the last two years, and it will get worse as the American economy moves into recession. It was interesting to hear the former minister of finance tell us how successful the wage and price controls were. What the former prime minister ignored so carefully and so deliberately was the promise of his government when they instituted wage and price controls that inflation, which was running at 10.5 per cent when controls were implemented and which ostensibly was the reason for implementing them, would be brought down to somewhere around 4 per cent in the third year. The former minister of finance forgot to tell us in his speech that when his party left office inflation was almost back to the rate it was when they implemented wage and price controls.

What the Minister of Finance and the other representatives of the Conservative government are refusing to tell the people of Canada is that as the cost of living goes up—and we have almost double digit inflation right now—the policies which they propose to implement in moving this country to world crises—

May I call it five o'clock?

● (1700)

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** Order please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen)—Public Service—Review of personnel management and the merit principle—Application of princi-

[Mr. Orlikow.]

ples in report; the hon. member for Mercier (Mrs. Hervieux-Payette)—Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation—Inquiry whether underprivileged will benefit from housing policy; the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan)—Regional Economic Development—DREE commitment respecting Sydney Steel Corporation.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

**Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** I believe, Your Honour, that it is well understood that items Nos. 1 and 3 cannot proceed at this time. Accordingly, the motion of the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) will be dealt with now by unanimous consent, if that might be put to members of the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** The hon. Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council (Mr. Kilgour) has asked for unanimous consent to deal with motion No. 4 standing in the name of the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) and to stand motions Nos. 1 and 3. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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[Translation]

## SOCIAL SECURITY

MEASURE TO PROVIDE ALLOWANCE TO HOUSEWIVES

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse) moved:**

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of having Parliament adopt a measure authorizing payment of an allowance to housewives who remain at home to take care of their family instead of joining the labour market, the purpose being to ensure a global income corresponding to the family's needs by providing an additional family income to that earned by the father.

He said: Mr. Speaker, do I have the floor? I have difficulty being heard, and I hope I can succeed in getting heard.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain):** The hon. member for Bellechasse has the floor.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank Divine Providence for doing everything right and allowing us to draw the lessons. When motions were drawn, at the beginning of the session, my group was favoured, and every group was favoured, by which I mean that four motions were drawn and each political party was favoured in turn. What