

The Address—Mr. Ritchie

produce instant miracles, no government can recreate the world. To suggest that it can, even by the subtlest inference, is misleading and unjust.

Honesty dictates that any government study the needs of its people, assess the urgency of each and then ascribe to each a place in the order of priority. Tax dollars are limited. They should be put to use on the basis of greatest good for the greatest number. It is not a question of what we would like to have but of what we can sensibly do. I think the priorities approach is long overdue in facing up to Canada's national problems.

There are many other points, particularly in the field of health and welfare, upon which I would like to have touched. But no doubt there will be ample opportunity for me to speak of them in greater detail at a more appropriate time. In the meantime, I do hope that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson), and the cabinet as a whole, will give the most urgent consideration to dealing with the rapidly deteriorating situation in regard to wheat handling and marketing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the house ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: On division.

Motion (Mr. Corbin) agreed to.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, at this point it has been traditional to move a resolution asking that the address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this house as are of the hon. Privy Council. It is the thought this year that that procedure should be changed so that the motion would ask Mr. Speaker to present the address to His Excellency. The address is, after all, not a communication coming from the government or from a privy councillor. It is a communication from the house. It is therefore appropriate that you, as spokesman for the house, should present the motion.

I, therefore, move:

That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Ritchie.]

WAYS AND MEANS

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That this house will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That this house will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the hour is advancing, perhaps at this point the house might be agreeable to calling it ten o'clock.

I should like to suggest for the business of the house tomorrow that, after completion of the routine proceedings, the government order to be called be the second of the two resolutions standing in my name under government notices of motions on the order paper which were transferred today; that is to say, the resolution in respect of the twelve member committee to study the procedures of the house.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, the procedure outlined by the President of the Privy Council is quite satisfactory. We are also quite agreeable that ten o'clock be called, in view of the fact that the government on our initiative very wisely co-operated in bringing this debate to an end.

Possibly the government house leader, at this stage, might be prepared to go a little further and clarify the answer he gave the other night concerning what the business of this house would be in relation to government orders after we have dealt with the question to which he referred on Thursday. Is he able to be of any greater assistance now in outlining what business there could be, and will be, after the three measures, which I think are numbers 5, 6 and 7 on the order paper under government orders have been dealt with?