

may resolve itself into committee of supply for the purpose of considering such estimates on any day of the week, and for such purpose Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without question put.

6. That the time used in considering such main and supplementary estimates and interim supply for the fiscal year 1965-66 shall not be counted as part of the time provided by the rules in this session for considering the business of supply.

7. That the time allocated for the question period by the rules will be extended to 40 minutes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that the foregoing be made an order of the House. I think I should add for the information of hon. members that it is the government's intention, once the Throne Speech is concluded, to call the supply motion I have referred to and to proceed immediately to deal with the estimates of this current year in committee of supply, in other words, in committee of the whole.

I should also add for the information of hon. members that the government is prepared to undertake that the new estimates for the new fiscal year 1966-67 will be tabled by February 15. We hope it might be a few days earlier than that.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Government House Leader whether it is correct that the supply motion which the government intends to bring in following the Throne Speech will not be part of the four supply motions that are provided for already?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, that is made quite clear in my statement.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that it be so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being one o'clock I do now leave the Chair.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 2.30 p.m.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Goyer for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to

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his speech at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Diefenbaker, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Douglas.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, to continue the remarks I had begun before the luncheon break, I should like to say as my fifth point that we are pleased to note that the government has decided to transfer the responsibilities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police relating to the investigation of crime, the security of the nation and penal reform to the hands of the Solicitor General (Mr. Pennell). Not only do we believe that this new minister is well equipped for his job but also that he should be able to carry it out more effectively than the Minister of Justice because the department for which that minister is responsible is overburdened with many other duties. We in this party believe that the government must take the initiative in this field.

We are happy to receive the white paper on crime revealing the impact of national crime on the Canadian scene and its relationship to security and espionage in this country because it is our belief that unless this house and the public generally are informed as to these areas we can never be strong in national security. Perhaps the ultimate action that will have to be taken in this regard is the setting up of a royal commission. Surely we cannot be content to continue in the present fashion in view of the rumours and evidence that all is not well in these areas in this country. I urge the new minister to take this action as quickly as possible.

If the R.C.M.P. were authorized to publish bulletins periodically in regard to the well-being of our nation, this would strengthen the country as a whole. It is unfortunate that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as the situation has been developing, are becoming the whipping boy for many people who are dissatisfied. There has been enough breaking down of law and order without furthering its collapse in this way. I wonder sometimes, Mr. Speaker, whether the reason behind many of the problems confronting the R.C.M.P. relates to the fact that that force does not have sufficient government support. For this reason we should be able to expect the new minister to establish a royal commission to investigate the whole situation.

It is regrettable that the government did not make any mention in the Speech from the Throne regarding the appointment of an ombudsman. The absence of any mention of