

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Starr: Is it possible to have the names of those objecting recorded, Mr. Speaker? I ask that they be recorded.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Standing order 6(2) does not require that the names of those objecting be recorded.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house leader whether he will agree to avail himself of the offer we made earlier this evening to consider and pass the estimates of the Secretary of State tonight?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question put to me I must say that there is a situation developing here in which it is difficult to reconcile the rights of parliament and the consensus of the committee to the rights of individual members. I recognize in the circumstances how important some of these matters are to individual members.

• (10:40 p.m.)

But I must also reconcile that with the fact that parliament has a right to take a decision on public business. We have now had a very lengthy and thorough discussion of estimates in this session, and have in prospect another lengthy and thorough discussion of estimates in this session under a new, and we hope improved, system.

I cannot ignore without comment the remark of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, who pretends that because some offer he made was not accepted parliament has somehow not acted correctly. It has acted wholly correctly here and the hon. member must, along with any other hon. members who may feel justified—

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege—

Mr. McIlraith: —in taking the position they have taken, assume his responsibility for what happens as a consequence of not passing these estimates.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I will listen to the point of order raised by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni because I have allowed the hon. Minister of Public Works to make a statement. But I suggest to the house that our procedure at the moment is quite out of order. The hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett).

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege affecting myself and, in my view, all hon. members of this house.

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Mr. Starr: Speak for yourself.

Mr. Barnett: I would suggest that it ill behooves the government house leader to rise at this time with a self-righteous lecture on the responsibility of members of this house.

Mr. Winkler: It is very reasonable. You know what the rules are.

Mr. Churchill: What is the question of privilege?

Mr. Barnett: I should like to suggest the question of privilege is that for the hon. member for Ottawa West, the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McIlraith), to suggest that the Department of Fisheries is not worthy of a proper allocation of time and consideration by this house—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Barnett: —is indicative of the fact that this government has been sloughing off fisheries as a matter of little consequence for far too long.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Fairweather: Send that little speech out to your constituents.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Chair must be guided by the rules and regulations which have been given to the Chair by the house. The Chair has seen that the provisions of provisional standing order 6(2) have been properly carried out.

It is therefore my duty pursuant to provisional standing order 39A to inform the house that a motion to adjourn the house has been deemed to have been made and seconded at this time. Therefore the question is that this house do now adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

LABOUR CONDITIONS—ENCOURAGEMENT TO UNEMPLOYED TO WORK IN GOLD MINES

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, on March 3 last, I asked—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.