

*Private Members' Business*

between our respect for the agency's traditions and the desire to improve services.

Mr. Speaker, to give the House a better understanding of what motivated this proposal, I would like to explain today how the RCMP has evolved to respond to the changing needs of the many communities it serves.

I hope to show that the motion before the House today will have important implications, not only for the RCMP but also for other Canadian police forces that are seeking ways of improving their relationship with minority groups.

[*English*]

The RCMP has recognized the need to become more representative of the people it serves. Although the force, as we all know, has its origin in the west, it must be remembered that today it provides policing services across Canada through agreements with various provincial, territorial, and municipal governments.

Accordingly, a national recruiting team was created last year to target and attract personnel from visible

minority groups. As part of this initiative, both posters and brochures designed to attract visible minority youths are being produced in the language of the target audience. I understand that to date over 200 people from these target groups have joined the ranks of the RCMP.

[*Translation*]

Furthermore, the RCMP is making considerable efforts today to increase representation of women and Francophones. This type of recruitment, Mr. Speaker, is recognized as a very good way to promote co-operation and understanding between police forces and the general public.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hour provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. Pursuant to Standing Order 96(1), the order is dropped from the Order Paper.

It being three o'clock, the House stands adjourned until Monday, at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 3 p.m.