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Mr. Speaker: I declare the amendment lost.

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Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Sharp). Had I voted I would have voted in favour of the amendment.

Mr. Cardiff: Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted in favour of the amendment.

Mr. Stewart: Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against the

Mr. Lloyd: Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Mrs. Konantz: Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Pension Legislation Delayed PENSIONS-ALLEGED DELAY IN PROCEEDING WITH LEGISLATION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, before the house reaches a decision on the main motion I rise to register a grievance. The grievance I wish to raise is that we have been completely unable in the latter part of this session of the House of Commons to get a clear statement from the government that it is going to proceed at this session of parliament with one of its own major pieces of legislation. I refer to the Canada pension plan. Every hon, member in this house knows that the Canada pension plan was a major point in the platform of the Liberal party during the election which the Liberals won on April 8 this year. I do not think it would be out of place to say that if it had not been for the precise nature of that promise, the clearcut way in which it was put, and for the assurance to the Canadian people that the Canada pension plan would be brought in right away, there is every possibility that the Liberals would not have won the election on April 8. It was the keystone in the arch of their program, and I submit that we in this house and the people of this country have a real grievance because of the delay on the part of the government in proceeding with this plan. Moreover, the government is still unwilling to tell us that the plan will be proceeded with at this session of parliament.

It is very popular in the House of Commons, particularly just after an election campaign, to produce the election literature published by other parties. I have in my hand a copy of a leaflet put out by the National Liberal Federation of Canada entitled "Better Pensions for All".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Knowles: I note the support which there appears to be on the Liberal side of the house for this plank in the Liberal platform, and I hope those on the treasury benches will note the support of the backbenchers and give them a chance at an early date to vote for this plan. I note that that request which I have just made on behalf of the backbench Liberals to their cabinet ministers has been endorsed by the backbench Liberals.

In this leaflet the details of the proposed plan were spelled out quite fully, and I notice in the leaflet these two significant sentences:

This plan has now been developed. A new Liberal government can act promptly.

I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that everyone in Canada, both those who supported the Liberals and those who were opposed to them,