

*Adjournment Debate*

Schedules I and II agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Shall I rise and report the Bill, as amended?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Benjamin:** On division.

Bill reported.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** When shall the Bill be read the third time? Pursuant to the order made on Monday, November 17, now?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Cadieux** moved that Bill C-24, an Act to provide for the maintenance of port operations, be read the third time and passed.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** On division.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

• (1650)

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 66, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia)—Environmental affairs—(a) United States funding of measures to combat acid rain (b) Sulphur dioxide emissions; the Hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young)—Patent Act—Effect of amendments on drug prices; the Hon. Member for Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic (Mrs. Killens)—Consumer affairs—Possible gasoline price increase—(a) Delayed implementation on behalf of consumers (b) Government measures to give equality of treatment to Canadian consumers.

[English]

Shall we call it five o'clock?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

SITTING SUSPENDED

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We would be prepared to call it five o'clock if the private Member whose Private Members' Bill it is were here and ready to proceed. I believe he is a member of the Liberal Party. But in the event that Member is not here, it would be my suggestion that we suspend the sitting until five o'clock in order to give the Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia) an opportunity to come and properly present his Bill. I think that all Members of the House would be in agreement with that.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The House has heard the term of the proposal by the Parliamentary Secretary. Does the House agree?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Gauthier:** I take the suggestion positively. I will try and contact the Hon. Member for Davenport now and bring him into the House as soon as possible.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** We will suspend the sitting until five o'clock this day.

At 4.52 the sitting of the House was suspended until 5 p.m.

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 5.04 p.m.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS--MOTIONS

[English]

### PESTICIDES

EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should consider the advisability of establishing a task force to examine, on a national basis and with full public participation, and to report to this House, the threats to human health and damage to the environment arising from the application of chemical pesticides on forest, agricultural and other lands, and to recommend alternative methods or practices of pest control.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in the 10 minutes available I will try to put to you my case on the merits of this motion. I am grateful to the system for having it drawn for debate today.

I will start by saying that the question of pesticides and their use in society is becoming a national issue. Why do I say that? Because of the evidence produced almost daily by way of the printed media. I will give you a quick run-down. From Toronto there is an article entitled "Time for farming to break its chemical dependency". From Winnipeg, "Concern about safety of farm chemicals fuels debate over pesticide registration". From Calgary, "Study claims pesticides upset the immune system". From Halifax, "No 2,4-D spraying until review ends". From Montreal, "Pesticides are not sufficiently controlled". From B.C., "Chemicals poisoning wells", and,