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Mr. Alexander: If my hon. friend wants to get involved in this debate, let him stand up. I am trying to do the right thing because I think a lot of Canadians are concerned. I have just returned from a trip—I will not say where—and it seems to me that this is just a small irritant or one of some insignificance. But when you start thinking, Mr. Speaker, about the number of irritants that can come about at any particular time, then I am wondering whether there can be any retaliation by our cousins or brothers or friends south of the border. I think we have to be very concerned about this situation, because I understand that a certain executive said last night that if Bill C-58 went through we can expect retaliation.

Mrs. Sauvé: What's the matter, are you scared?

Mr. Alexander: I did not interrupt the minister but perhaps she would stand up and answer this question. Can she assure this House and the Canadian people that if Bill C-58 is passed there will be no retaliation? I will sit down if she will answer that question.

Mrs. Sauvé: I will answer that question, Mr. Speaker. I am not guided by the kind of retaliation that can come from our American friends. We have policies for Canadians and we apply them as best we can. We stand on what we do, no matter what retaliation may come, and we accept that.

Mr. Alexander: Well, that is an unacceptable answer to me. I want to know why we cannot work hand in hand with our American friends.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Alexander: That is no answer to me, so do not give me that nonsense, Madam Minister. I have seen some funny things happening around here in the past couple of weeks. I do not want to digress, but first of all, there was the Cuba trip. Who did that help?

An hon. Member: Canada first.

Mr. Alexander: I am talking about irritants, and that is another one. Now, what did the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock have in mind?

Mr. Raiton: Two out of three is a good average.

Mr. Alexander: Doctor, perhaps you should have stayed with medicine. No, I will take that back. It is not my intention, Mr. Speaker, to jibe at my favourite members. I know that that hon. member goes back to his riding from time to time and says what a good fellow the hon. member for Hamilton West is, and I know that that hon. member is a great Canadian.

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Perhaps hon. members will now give me a chance to continue with my remarks. What the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock is proposing is a pause. He very ingeniously in motions Nos. 7, 8 and 9 is proposing a pause in the government's action because, as I understand it, it seems that the government thinks it can do anything—

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I apologize for interrupting the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander). We had a discussion earlier in the day, at which time it was understood that the debate would cease at 9.30 and a vote would be taken. I am sure it would be the wish of the hon. member for Hamilton West to facilitate the carrying out of that undertaking on both sides of the House. I would suggest further that, if my impression is also the impression of the minister, we should now proceed to take the votes according to that understanding we reached earlier in the day.

Mr. Faulkner: That was our understanding, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I have been following my leader since 1968 and I will continue to follow him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner (London East)): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner (London East)): The question is on motion No. 7, moved by Mr. Friesen, seconded by Mr. Alexander (Hamilton West), that Bill C-58—

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner (London East)): Shall I dispense?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner (London East)): And on motion No. 8, moved by Mr. Friesen, seconded by Mr. Alexander (Hamilton West), that Bill C-58, an act to amend the Income Tax Act—

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner (London East)): The question is on motion No. 7. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order—

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker, the agreement was in respect of the four deferred motions. Surely someone is in charge of the House. What is going on here?

Mr. Alexander: My speech excited everyone.

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think it was understood that the votes would be on the motions that were deferred at an earlier date; that is motions No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 12.

An hon. Member: If you can count that high it is one to four.

An hon. Member: Get the House leader.

Mr. McKinley: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order—

Mr. Fairweather: Get the House leader. What kind of a shop is this?