

Adjournment Debate

increases to the registered nursing assistants has narrowed the salary relativity between registered nurses and RNAs.

The employer is sensitive to employees concerns about traditional reporting relationships and this particular matter is currently being examined. At the same time, we must recognize that traditional wage relativities may reflect the undervaluation of work performed predominantly by women, the issue which the Government is addressing through its equal pay initiatives. Upon the conclusion of the equal pay study targeted for the fall of 1988 the President of the Treasury Board will consider its recommendations and I am sure he will respond in an adequate manner.

The joint union-management initiative on equal pay for work of equal value will not solve all the labour issues we have within the public service, but it will address the very important issue of gender-based pay discrimination.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.
