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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Health and Welfare is required to be in Kingston at Queen's University tomorrow morning. Therefore I should like to propose that we return to the medicare bill debate at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon and that prior to that time we call item number 48 on today's order paper-house again in committee of the whole on Bill C-218, an act to provide assistance to livestock feeders in eastern Canada and British Columbia. Then. if there is additional time, we would proceed to the estimates of the Department of Fisheries. This is on the understanding that at two o'clock, no matter what item of business we are on, we would ask to revert to the medicare bill.

If we should finish the medicare bill and the items I have indicated, we would then proceed to call item number 83, second reading of Bill C-220, an act to make provision for appeals to an Immigration Appeal Board in respect of certain matters relating to immigration, and then the housing resolution which is item number 101 on today's order paper.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, would the government house leader consider calling No. 85, Bill S-35, as the first order of business tomorrow. We are prepared not to debate it so that it can go to the committee.

Mr. Winkler: We are in agreement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McIlraith: I would have to consider it. There was consent given earlier, but I was taken by surprise tonight. I had understood there was unanimous consent. If there is unanimous consent, we will call it after the first item.

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Speaker, if I might suggest to the government house leader-

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether hon. members want to start a practice of originating debate after ten o'clock on the business for the following day. My understanding of the practice is that the representative of the government announces the busi- Under what provisions did these people come ness for the following day, and that should and will the minister place those provisions be the end of it.

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Speaker, my question relates directly to the business of the house. I was going to ask the government house leader whether the minister would consider taking the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) with him to Kingston tomorrow. That would solve the problem.

• (10:10 p.m.)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

IMMIGRATION-TEMPORARY HARVEST WORKERS REMAINING IN CANADA

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): Mr. Speaker, in taking advantage of the rules tonight I wish to make a short representation. I posed a question some days ago to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration concerning the provisions under which the workers were brought into this country from Jamaica to assist in the agricultural industry. These workers brought into the area from which I come were engaged in harvesting and processing agricultural crops.

I find no fault whatsoever with the calibre of worker who came into this area, as it was very high and their conduct was beyond repute. They did their work very skilfully and to the satisfaction of their employers. My question arises because of the uncertain future of these men who came into Canada under certain provisions and conditions which were not clearly understood. Certain arrangements apparently were made under which these people must leave this country on completion of their work here. I felt it would be of vital interest to all parties concerned if the provisions under which they entered Canada were placed on the record.

I have received many representations, like many other hon. members, from people who are interested in procuring their further services here. Representations have been made in an effort to see that these young men are allowed to stay in this country, particularly those who possess skills which can be employed to the advantage of the areas to which they gave service this summer.

My question to the minister is a simple one. on the record so that interested parties can