

Business of the House

I could not get an answer until six. Can we now be told what the program will be for Monday, and if possible for as much of next week as possible.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to give the business for the first couple of days of next week in any event. Although I was not in the house earlier today at one o'clock when the committee stage of the redistribution bill was completed, it is my understanding that there were certain amendments to the bill this morning and that third reading of the bill was held over in order to have these amendments printed in the bill. On the assumption that third reading will be only a formality I propose calling third reading of that bill first thing on Monday. If it is not to be merely a formality I expect to be aware of that fact before the house opens on Monday.

I am happy to report that there is agreement among the parties to give second reading to the Canada pension plan bill in order that it may be sent to a committee before the conclusion of the sitting on Wednesday at six o'clock. In order that we have a committee to which we can refer that bill it would be convenient to adopt the motion, which is item No. 17 on today's order paper, for the establishment of that committee on Monday before second reading. When that motion is passed, and I assume it is a mere formality, we will then call second reading of the Can-

ada pension plan bill and continue our consideration in that regard until second reading has been given, with the understanding that that will take place not later than Wednesday.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, the house leader has shown a high degree of optimism in assuming that any motion for third reading, or for the setting up of a committee will be a mere formality. I trust that that may be true, but I do not know who could be sure of that in this house as it is now constituted. Nevertheless, as far as we in the opposition are concerned, we will co-operate with the house leader to make sure that we can proceed with the business of the house.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply this day]:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the chief electoral officer—

- 1. Salaries and expenses of office, \$106,000.

Civil service commission—

- 1. Salaries and contingencies of the commission including compensation in accordance with the suggestion award plan of the public service of Canada, \$5,516,500.

Privy council—

B—Economic Council of Canada—

- 35. Administration, \$817,920.