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should adopt some scheme under which everyone would contribute approximately the same amount, except of course those who are unable to contribute. In those cases the government would have to pay the major part of the contribution.

It is essential in order to devise an adequate universal medical scheme to obtain the co-operation of provincial governments. That is fundamental to any adequate scheme. This should be worked out completely before any legislation of this sort is brought into being. Individuals must also have the right to choose their own doctor, and surely a doctor must have the right to decide whether or not he is able to look after patients, in view of time limitations. He should not feel he is duty bound to accept more patients in these circumstances. There must be freedom of choice on both sides of this medicare service coin.

It is my belief that the postponement of the effective date of this scheme to July 1, 1968 was a second thought on the part of this government. Certainly the minister and those closely associated with him are disappointed because of this lengthy postponement. When this legislation is implemented I hope that as a result of amendments it will contain the necessary elements. If it does I am sure it will be of great assistance to many people in Canada.

I have spoken privately to the minister about the serious medical needs of many people in my area. As late as this evening I spoke to him about that need in the Gleichen area where there are approximately 3,000 Indians who require adequate medical attention from time to time. There is at the present time no doctor in that area, so the Indians and others who live close by have no access to proper medical attention. I mention this fact to emphasize the need for additional trained people, so that every citizen in every community in Canada may take advantage of the services which can be provided.

**Some hon. Members:** Ten o'clock.

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**Mr. Knowles:** Would the house leader indicate the business for tomorrow?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will continue with the debate on second reading of the medicare bill. At the conclusion of that we will consider item No. 48 on today's

[Mr. Kindt.]

order paper, the committee stage on the bill to provide assistance to livestock feeders in eastern Canada and in British Columbia. This will be followed by a consideration of item 83 on today's order paper, second reading of Bill C-220, to make provision for appeals to an immigration appeal board. We will then consider item No. 101, the resolution preceding a bill to amend the National Housing Act, followed by item No. 100, the resolution preceding a bill to encourage scientific research and development.

• (10:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the house leader whether he would consider bringing forward this week estimates of the Department of National Defence.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, if we can get through some of this other business. We also have to bring forward the bill dealing with the armed forces.

**Mr. Churchill:** That is not on the order paper as yet.

**Mr. McIlraith:** No, it is not, but we will try to bring it forward as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Churchill:** Should we not deal with the estimates first, before we start on new business?

**Mr. McIlraith:** I will take the point under consideration but I think it would be well to have the bill before the house so that the discussion which I anticipate—if I anticipate it correctly—will be relevant to the subject matter before the house.

**Mr. Knowles:** May I put a question to the house leader? Is it not the intention of the government to proceed immediately from second reading of Bill C-227 to consideration of the bill in committee of the whole?

**Mr. McIlraith:** The second reading stage has taken a bit longer than I had anticipated and we have some other legislation which it would be desirable to move forward. There are also some motions to come to the house tomorrow which need immediate attention. I had proposed a break of a day or two before the committee stage, but there is no intention to delay it any further.

**Mr. Churchill:** Is this not an urgent bill to be implemented in 1968? Should we not go to the committee stage quickly?