

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for St. Paul's (Mr. Atkey) rises to ask a question.

**Mr. Caccia:** Yes.

**Mr. Atkey:** I wonder where the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia) finds the provision for day nurseries in the bill before us. That is the term he used in his speech. I would be very interested to know where such provision is to be found in the bill or in the statement of the minister.

**Mr. Caccia:** Mr. Speaker, it is on page 7, clause 27.2(a)(iv), "constructing, or acquiring and improving, neighbourhood recreation or social facilities.

**Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories):** Mr. Speaker, I only have two or three minutes, but I wish to speak of some very important matters which should be brought to the attention of the people in Ottawa who make housing policies for the Northwest Territories. Up there we suffer from a very high cost of construction and an extremely high cost of land, serviced or otherwise; indeed, there are times when land is not available, serviced or otherwise, or even surveyed. This is creating hardship for the population of the Northwest Territories.

I should like also to comment on housing generally in the larger centres of the Northwest Territories where young people come from the outlying communities to find jobs only to find that there is no housing available, or very little at very high cost. You can pay up to \$250 a month for an apartment, if you can find it. The cost of heating oil and electricity is \$20 to \$30 for a private home. Things like this are causing hardship to the people in those areas.

There is also what I consider to be a policy of planned legislative discrimination against northerners. This should be changed as soon as possible. People hired locally are not allowed to be housed in government housing even though they work for the government. I consider that to be planned legislative discrimination. If a person were hired for a similar job in the south he would be provided with housing, but if he is hired locally he is not. That is a disgrace to the Canadian government and should be changed as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

**Mr. Andras:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could have permission of the House to revert to motions in order to table a letter which my colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde), and I sent to provincial welfare ministers. I referred to it in my recent remarks to the House.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there consent that the hon. minister has permission to revert to motions for the purpose stated?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

*Adjournment Debate*  
**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

TABLING OF LETTER FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
PROVINCIAL WELFARE MINISTERS

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table a copy of a letter which my colleague the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) and I sent to the provincial welfare ministers as referred to in my recent remarks in the House.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. MacLean:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps the acting House leader would confirm what we are going to do the day after tomorrow. It is my assumption that we will return to this legislation on Wednesday.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, that is as I understand it.

• (2200)

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

SOCIAL SECURITY—SUGGESTED FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO PROVIDE  
PROPER NUTRITION—PROVISION OF GUARANTEED  
MINIMUM INCOME

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that the nutrition survey which was originally promised for this early spring is not ready at this time and will not be available until October. For many reasons it would have been desirable if we had had the results of it now. According to certain indications, when the Canada nutrition survey is brought in it will show that nutrition of Canadians generally is very far from what it should be, particularly among people of low income. Their standard of nutrition is disgraceful and their health condition is dangerous in many respects. Because there has been delay in the finishing and tabling of this survey, a very important report has come to hand. The National Council of Welfare, on March 8, released findings regarding the nutrition of people on low incomes, specifically people below the poverty line. It is disgraceful that a great many people must bring up children who are undersized, sick, disabled, mentally retarded and prone to disease. These conditions result from lack of money for food, for proper nutrition.

On March 9, following the tabling of the report of the National Council of Welfare, I asked the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) if he would be