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The hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp) and the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser)—

Mr. Huntington: Capilano.

Mr. Prud'homme:—who have put forward proposals, could say, "I would like to combine some of the proposals in committee the philosophy behind what we are proposing—

Mr. Murphy: You have no philosophy.

Mr. Prud'homme: The hon. member for Churchill had better be careful, because I once had the privilege of speaking in this district, and I see that his majority is being reduced more and more to the point of his being defeated, so he is not telling us anything new in this House. This is the reason for my participation. I did not expect to participate. But I heard him throwing all kinds of names up into the air, as though he were accusing some unknown Conservative and some unknown Liberal, of plotting together so that many people would not be able to vote, when he refers to the four hours allowed. If he has names to put forward, as he did earlier on in reply to the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin), and if he thinks some illegalities were committed, the electoral law provides for it.

Mr. Huntington: Absolutely.

Mr. Prud'homme: If someone deprives someone of voting, when the law stated that one is allowed four hours, one knows that this is illegal and that that person could be prosecuted. If the hon. member for Churchill has that many examples.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Prud'homme: Be quiet, please. We are trying to be quiet here, but—and I do not name people—if the hon. member has a proposal or a complaint, there was a time to raise it and a law which provides for this. I was listening to him because I am very concerned about the alienation of the west, and the hon. member is talking to someone who will soon have been in the House of Commons for 19 years. I went to western Canada to speak, over 200 times, so I know what the hon. member is talking about. I know there is that kind of alienation. I am speaking as a Canadian, not as a Quebecer. I am speaking as a Canadian who is interested. I want to know why there is such alienation. This is exactly the meaning of this bill.

Mr. Murphy: On a point of order.

Mr. Prud'homme: How can we cope with that?

Mr. Murphy: Point of order.

Mr. Prud'homme: If we are wrong, we could amend our bill when we go to the committee. There is a point of order raised by my hon. colleague and friend, the hon. member for Churchill.

Mr. Crosby: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Murphy: I realize, Mr. Speaker, that it may be a minor point, but I certainly did not attack the hon. member on where he is from and I did not attack his party from where it is from. The point is that there are people in this country who do not get to vote—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member is not raising a point of order.

Mr. Prud'homme: I still have two minutes, Mr. Speaker. It is two minutes before ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being ten o'clock p.m., it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to Section 11 of Standing Order 58, proceedings on the motion have expired.

● (2200)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

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

AIRPORTS—TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN DORVAL AND MIRABEL—INQUIRY RESPECTING DATE OF MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Robert Gourd (Argenteuil-Papineau): Madam Speaker, on April 21, 1980, I put a question in this House to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin). It has always been the same question, namely, when are we going to have a decision on the transfer of flights from Dorval to Mirabel? The minister answered that his goal was to transfer all air traffic, with the exception of short-haul domestic routes, and I believe this objective is still valid today. On December 2, 1980, Mr. Speaker, I again brought to the attention of the Minister of Transport the problems arising from Mirabel. Once more, the minister said that a decision was imminent. On February 18, 1981, I again asked the Minister of Transport about Mirabel and again, the minister said that studies had been made and that I would soon have a reply.

On March 23, Mr. Speaker, again in the House, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Bockstael) replied that studies had been prepared and that an announcement would be made shortly. On April 23, 1981, I again raised the subject of Mirabel in the House. On February 16, 1982, a delegation of 33 mayors from North Shore communities and some eighty councillors came here to ask the minister to give them some hope that a decision in the Mirabel case was forthcoming. In answer to a question I put to him in the House, the minister then replied that he was getting ready, in the minister's words, to table in cabinet in the days ahead, a