

The Address

• (1540)

[Translation]

First I should like to quote from page 18 of *Hansard* for February 18, 1972 when Mr. Speaker Lamoureux stated:

I believe Hon. Members will recognize that it would not be easy to justify adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 at the very moment when we have before us the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. . .

[English]

The reason for this caution on the part of Speaker Lamoureux, and indeed other Speakers in the past, is that during the Throne Speech debate it is an easy matter for Members to debate subjects over a wide area and it is difficult, therefore, to meet the criteria required for an emergency debate under Standing Order 52(5) which states:

In determining whether a matter should have urgent consideration, . . . the Speaker shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time, by other means.

[Translation]

If I may repeat the last sentence, I must have regard, and I quote:

to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time, by other means.

[English]

In the case of air safety, and also the case of removal of oats from the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board, where the matter may be brought before the House by other means, I do not find that the criteria of Standing Order 52 have been met, and I will not therefore allow an emergency debate at least at this time.

However, in relation to the matter raised by the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton), I do find the criteria of

Standing Order 52 have been met. The matter proposed for discussion does relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration.

I therefore set the matter of the oil spill outside the Port of Valdez down for debate at 8 p.m. this evening.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS*[English]***SPEECH FROM THE THRONE****RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Richardson for an Address to Her Excellency the Governor General in reply to her speech at the opening of the session.

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I move that the debate be now adjourned.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: The debate is therefore adjourned.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Mr. Speaker: An emergency debate will commence at eight o'clock this evening. The House will open tomorrow at two o'clock. Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The sitting of the House was suspended at 3.45 p.m.

[Editor's Note: For continuation of proceedings see Volume B.]