

Mrs. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Speaker: I believe the minister is seeking the floor on the point of order raised by the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words about the point of order raised by the interim leader of the Social Credit Party.

Some hon. Members: No!

Mrs. Sauvé: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

[*English*]

An hon. Member: Mr. Speaker disposed of that point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Témiscamingue rose on a point of order, which I indicated obviously was not a point of order. He continued to indicate to the House that the Social Credit members were withdrawing, which is not a point of order. It is not relevant to the subject which has now been called for debate and upon which the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain has been recognized. I think we should continue with that debate. However, the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton did raise a fresh point of order concerning House business.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, never in my life have I seen the other side so confused.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): My question is very simple. The government House leader may not be able to answer it now because there is so much confusion. If that is the case, we will give him the courtesy of asking again at eight o'clock tonight. However, can he tell us now, if it is within his ken, what the government proposes for business later tonight, tomorrow and into next week, because it is quite obvious that we are going to be here.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, there is no confusion on this side of the House. I was delaying rising to reply in order to give the Minister of Communications an opportunity to state a point of order.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): It was not a point of order.

Mr. MacEachen: The hon. member says it is not a point of order. It has not yet been heard. Apparently he has some terrestrial view, or he can hear without listening. He talked about confusion. He is so confused that he cannot organize an effective motion under Standing Order 43, as we discovered the day before yesterday.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

National Unity

Mr. MacEachen: The business tonight is the unemployment insurance bill. Tomorrow it is understood that we will deal until noon or one o'clock with the Canada Pension Plan, and in the afternoon we will resume the debate on the unemployment insurance bill, and then deal with Air Canada.

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order regarding the incident which sparked a vote a while ago.

The leader of the Social Credit Party has decided to leave the House; however, I would like to point out that he did give his consent to the tabling of these documents earlier this afternoon—

Some hon. Members: Order!

[*English*]

An hon. Member: That is not a point of order.

Mr. Goodale: Every one of you over there consented. You consented, Joe.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Minister of Communications sought the floor and indicated she was doing so on the same point of order—not on a fresh point of order—as that raised by the hon. member for Témiscamingue. I indicated that it was not a valid point of order and that I would not hear hon. members further. I gave the minister the floor to raise a fresh point of order. Her remarks seem to be a reflection on a vote and on events which have taken place in the past.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

[*English*]

CONFEDERATION

DEBATE ON NATIONAL UNITY

The House resumed, from Wednesday, July 6, consideration of the motion of Mr. Trudeau:

That members of this House dedicate themselves anew to the continuing unity of Canada as a free and independent country organized on the basis of a federal form of government with two official languages and a diversity of cultures; and the amendment thereto of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Gus MacFarlane (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, when I began speaking last evening I was trying to say something positive about national unity. I intend to say something positive today. Even if hon. members opposite are rude, I shall not be, so they should not worry about it. I intend to speak about something which is important to me and to everyone else in this House, and I intend to speak in a completely non-partisan way.