

Motion for Adjournment

with the adjournment of the house and I hope that eventually the hon. member will talk to that motion.

Mr. Latulippe: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are in favour of the adjournment of the house, we want to adjourn. What we have done since September, we could have done in three months, if we had worked like men, but we worked like school children. We have done almost nothing for the people, except to increase taxes. We have found no way to balance the economy of the country or to meet the aspirations of the people.

For instance, there has never been an opportunity to speak of family allowances; no means have been found to increase them nor to adjust them to the cost of living. The children need more than the federal civil servants who are paid adequately. Families are in trouble; they are being strangled by taxes; they can no longer afford to live. No solution is found.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member should restrict his remarks to the motion now before the house.

Mr. Grégoire: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

You have reminded several members that we were discussing an adjournment motion and that the discussion should be limited to the said motion. If we are considering a motion for the adjournment of the house, I feel that such a motion is not debatable and I wonder why it is being discussed. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I should like to elucidate my point of order.

What is before the house is not a simple motion for adjournment but a complex one comprising several other points, and that is why I suggest it is no longer an adjournment motion, but a motion designed to determine when the house will adjourn, when its sittings will be resumed and what measures will be discussed. It is therefore a rather complex motion which tends to broaden the scope of the debate since in the third line of the motion the following words appear:

—and to any other measures—

Therefore, this broadens the scope. That is why I feel you should allow the hon. member for Compton-Frontenac (Mr. Latulippe) to speak.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member cannot substitute his judgement for that of the Chair and I call his attention to the fact that standing order 25 to which he referred does

[Mr. Speaker.]

not apply in the case of a substantive motion like the one now before the house.

Mr. Grégoire: That is what I am saying, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair.

[English]

Some hon. Members: One o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Is the house ready for the question?

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Speaker, I shall be brief since we are on a motion for adjournment. Like the other members, I am anxious to get home, to take holidays and to have the time to go around my riding to meet my electors. Indeed, I am convinced all the members are in the same situation and we surely want the house to adjourn.

Still, before so doing, I take it upon myself to point out that we have been unable to do many things. The government has not been able to get all its legislation passed because, as I said earlier, we wasted a great deal of time on many questions. The debate on some matters could have been much shorter, and the house is to blame, for we made no changes in the rules.

Therefore, I hope we can change the rules of the house in the future so that we may work in a more relaxed way, have shorter sessions, and find time to think of doing something for the Canadian people.

Mr. Speaker, I was saying earlier that we should have had time to discuss family allowances. The cost of living has increased four-fold since 1944 but the rate of family allowances has not been raised.

On the other hand, taxes have increased and, each time they are increased and each time the salaries are increased, sometimes as a result of strikes, the cost of living goes up. When the cost of living goes up, the currency is depreciated, and this drags down the entire economy of the country.