

government to destroy personal initiative? If so, it is certainly going about it in a most effective way.

Let us not forget that this country was built on personal initiative and enterprise, hand in hand with imagination and hard work. The minister himself says that this is no time to be short-sighted or timid. There is nothing short-sighted or timid about our ancestors who pioneered this country. If we discourage the spirit of adventure and sap the imagination of our people, what will we be left with? A lethargic, indolent public sitting around waiting for the hand-outs from Big Daddy on the Hill. Does this government want to become involved in every aspect of Canadian life? Is this the kind of society that we really want to create? I do not believe it is, but this Liberal administration is attempting to create such a society.

An hon. Member: A lot of people in this country do not think so.

Mr. Elzinga: That is because they were somewhat deceived by people on the other side of this House running around the country.

An hon. Member: Where were you running?

Mr. Elzinga: Just in my own riding. There seems to be increasing government interference in the area of private industry, private enterprise, and indeed in the private lives of individuals in this country. It is becoming increasingly clear that the direction this government is taking is toward massive central control. Canadians have the right to know of the erosion of their personal freedoms in business and in their private lives. If it is the intention of the present government to take away the self-determination of the individual and small businessman, then let it so declare this intention and stop sneaking its socialism in through the back door.

May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay)—Administration of Justice—Dredging contracts at Hamilton—Possible consultations with minister pursuant to sections 4 and 5 of justice act; the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Roche)—External Affairs—Government policy on assisting adult refugees from Viet Nam; the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes)—Environmental Affairs—Alberta decision to allow increased emissions of sulphur dioxide from Syncrude plant.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business, as listed on

Pensions

today's order paper, namely notices of motions, public bills.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, I think there will be some agreement to proceeding to notice of motion No. 31 standing in the name of the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the House agree to proceed with notice of motion No. 31, appearing in the name of the hon. member for Edmonton West, and to stand all other notices of motions preceding motion No. 31 on the notice paper?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[Translation]

PENSIONS

SUGGESTED REMOVAL OF LIMITATIONS TO ENTITLEMENT OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of removing all limitations and restrictions whatsoever on the entitlement and payment of pensions, superannuation or retirement allowances of whatever kind to retired members of the Canadian Defence Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Senators and Members of Parliament when any such person so entitled enters into the service of the government, whether by way of the Public Service Commission, or by appointment by the federal authority to any Commission, Board or other body or to the Judiciary of Canada or in any other manner.

[English]

He said: Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank hon. members for their unanimous consent. I merely intend to raise this matter and to speak very briefly. I think it is understood that by agreement a reply will be given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) and that the motion will then be withdrawn.

I might say it gives me a great deal of satisfaction at this moment to see incorporated the pith and substance of my motion in a bill which is now on the order paper. I refer to Bill C-52. Of course, we all hope and pray that the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp), as government House leader, will see to it that the bill is referred to this House for second reading and then sent to the appropriate committee for consideration.

● (1700)

This involves many more important aspects than just the subject matter of my motion, and I am sure hon. members will readily agree when they consider the amendments to the Public Service Superannuation Act, the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, and a number of provisions of other superannuation acts which deal with equality as between male and female employees. I am sure they will readily agree as well that this will restore some sanity and a more equitable level to the positions of people who have been drawing pensions having served in