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Government to set up such a committee. I suggest therefore, that while this motion is useful it does not have the effect it might have had.

Mr. Knowles: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Mr. John R. Matheson (Leeds): The Reverend S. G. West, Director of the Anglican Correctional Chaplaincy, said something that I should like to bring to the attention of hon. Members:

It is reckoned that the average Canadian has about eight times the chance of serving time in prison as the average citizen of Britain, Scandinavia and Holland. Why is this? Is it because we Canadians are eight times more criminally minded than others? Is it because we have too many bad laws? Is it because we are puritanically punitive? Is it because Canadian authorities have a passion for putting people in prison?

I think the last sentence is the correct conclusion, after studying the available statistics relating to both juvenile delinquents and adult offenders. I think the hon. Member's

recommendation has a great deal to commend it.

May I call it six o'clock?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): It being six o'clock, the hour for the consideration of private Members' business has expired.

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Mr. MacNaught: Tomorrow we shall first consider item No. 5 on today's Order Paper, the resolution preceding the National Housing Act amending bill. This resolution has already received two hours consideration and it should not require much further debate. Then we shall take up item No. 13 on today's Order Paper, second reading of Bill C-101, an act to amend the Bank of Canada Act. We shall then resume the debate which was interrupted at five o'clock, namely second reading of an Act to make provision for the retirement of Members of the Senate.

Mr. Knowles: I thought you had dropped that.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.