

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Benson). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. Pennell: Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Pennell: There is an echo in the chamber. Naturally, Mr. Speaker, I meant to say that had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Charlotte (Mr. McLean).

Mr. Groos: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Skoreyko). I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. Macquarrie: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin). Had I voted I would have voted against the axe.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, would the house leader clear up an uncertainty and inform us of tomorrow's business?

Mr. McIlraith: Tomorrow we propose submitting item No. 107 on today's order paper to the house for consideration, and at the conclusion of that, item No. 134.

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A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

HOUSING—TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO ACTION TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, two days ago I attempted to direct a question to the Minister of Labour about the housing situation in metropolitan Toronto. All members of that area, I am sure, are aware of the housing shortage, and particularly of the shortage of housing within the reach of the average citizen.

Recently the president of the Toronto Metropolitan Home Builders Association directed attention to the urgent need for overcoming difficulties blocking the supply of private and multiple dwellings in the Toronto

area. The association outlined the basic reasons underlying the shortage in this way: first, insufficient serviced land; second, unstable mortgage financing conditions; third, an inequitable tax base and fourth, restrictive construction bylaws and conflicting building codes.

The association proposed solutions. It called for the provision of building lots in adequate supply for the mass production of homes by planning that would extend water and sewer facilities into areas of raw land. It suggested that modification of the educational tax burden was essential to allow municipal freedom in opening raw land for development without worrying about where the educational dollar was to come from. It demonstrated the need for the universal adoption of the national building code of Canada, which would allow more builder efficiencies and help to reduce red tape at the municipal level.

The association suggested the streamlining of the whole land development process, and the adoption of a sane policy with respect to land use. It said that builders in the metropolitan Toronto area are ready and able to provide family types of multiple housing, needed particularly in the area, but that the way had to be cleared by a change of attitude on the part of mortgage companies and municipalities—mortgage companies which preferred to finance downtown highrise apartments and municipalities which do not encourage multiple housing because of inherent education costs involved in connection with accommodation for families with children.

● (10:20 p.m.)

It is clear from this analysis that the housing crisis in Toronto is not one which lends itself readily to solution by federal authority. The recently retired president of the Urban Development Institute is reported in this evening's Toronto *Telegram* as saying that the Ontario government is toying with the housing crisis and derelict in its duty. Addressing the South Peel real estate board Mr. Grant Duff termed the housing problem an absolute disgrace and called on the provincial government to face up to fundamentals. He said—and I quote from the news report:

Removal of the bulk of education costs from property will do more to solve our housing problems than any other single remedy.

Mr. Duff went on to say that recent provincial action in the housing field demonstrated that there is no recognition of the fundamental problem. The provincial government had