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when you are fresh and alert. Otherwise, we would be treating the fisheries and the problems of the fishermen with complete disdain. We would be asking members to pass the estimates through a process of exhaustion. I think we would be better off—

An hon. Member: In meeting in the morning.

Mr. Howard: You can meet in the morning if you like, but I think the house leader would be in a better position were he to propose that we should sit this evening until we finish the estimates of the Secretary of State and start tomorrow morning with the Department of Fisheries.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman, we seem to be very close to an agreement or consensus on this. Would it be satisfactory to the hon. member if we could reach an agreement that we would finish the estimates of the Secretary of State; then give him an opportunity to take the full allocated time for his important speech on fisheries. I agree that this is quite an important department. If we could agree on a time limit in that way, it would permit the two hon. members to have their opportunity to make speeches on this very important subject, and they would be assured of their full time.

Mr. Howard: You can pass the estimates of the Secretary of State right now—

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Valade: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order—

The Deputy Chairman: Does the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek wish to speak on a point of order?

Mr. McIntosh: No, Mr. Chairman. I have one short question to ask the minister.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Sainte-Marie on a point of order.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order; I cannot say, if I intervene to correct a statement made by the minister, whether it will take me two minutes, five minutes, or ten minutes. I do not think this is the way in which parliament should be conducted. If there is a point which is of particular importance and interest to a member of parliament, surely it is his duty not to pass this opportunity because of the pressure of time. We did not bring about this pressure of time. It results from the election being held at a bad time. I do not think, when there is a project

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such as the one of which I spoke a few moments ago which concerns one million people and hundreds of millions of dollars, that I would be carrying out my duty if I went along with this suggestion.

I wish to make it clear that I intend to ask for more information on this point. I will try to make it very short, but I certainly will not yield my right to make this point clear to the minister.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order; we find ourselves in the position of stumbling from one minute to another. I think, in view of the failure to reach an agreement, the only responsibility which falls on your shoulders now, Mr. Chairman, is to say it is ten o'clock. It is unquestionably ten o'clock.

Mr. Starr: Sit until one o'clock.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. Is the hon. member for Skeena calling it ten o'clock?

Mr. Howard: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall I rise, report certain resolutions and request leave to sit again later this day or at the next sitting of the house, as the case may be?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MOTION TO SIT UNTIL 1 A.M.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Chairman, I move, pursuant to standing order 6(2):

That this house continue to sit until one o'clock a.m. Wednesday morning.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It has been moved by the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McIlraith), that pursuant to standing order 6(2), this house continue to sit until 1 a.m. Wednesday morning. Is the house ready for the question?

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I protest and ask that you seek to find out whether or not there are ten members who object.

Mr. Starr: The Chair does not have to ask. Let the hon. members stand and be counted.

And more than ten members having risen, the question on the said motion was not put.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair sees 11 members objecting. Therefore, the motion to sit until one o'clock will not be put.