

*Adjournment Debate*

[Translation]

**Mr. Jean Lapierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett) was certainly not here this evening when her own colleagues candidly announced that they intended to use all the time remaining before the Christmas adjournment to debate and indeed to filibuster the Bill now before us. Of course, as she was absent all evening, she may not have heard her colleagues, say this, but if she had heard them, she would have realized that the members of her own Party have decided to use the time remaining until the Christmas adjournment in two days to oppose a Bill which is important to the Government. How can she come before us this evening and seriously ask for a day to discuss the Cruise missiles when all her colleagues vigorously oppose discussing anything but the Bill introduced by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin)? I believe that she is speaking from both sides of her mouth, which is quite natural for NDP Members. She tells us—

**Miss Jewett:** We asked for last Wednesday.

**Mr. Lapierre:** Mr. Speaker, she asked for last Wednesday and she could well ask for next Wednesday also. We had a chance to discuss this issue during the oral question period and on many other occasions, and the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) invited the Hon. Member to use an Opposition

day on our return to discuss this issue, and I am convinced . . . The Hon. Member says that her Party does not have any allotted days, but her House Leader could certainly confirm that the NDP will have allotted days next year which they can use—

**Miss Jewett:** Not before the adjournment.

**Mr. Lapierre:** I understand that. They will not have any before the adjournment, Mr. Speaker. I am under the impression that the Hon. Member will not get to Christmas at the same time as everyone else. Mr. Speaker, her Party has decided to delay passage of a Bill and resort to filibustering tactics and the Hon. Member is asking us on behalf of her Party for time to debate that issue.

Right after the Christmas break she should ask for a debate on this matter and we shall be happy to consider it. If it is a priority for her Party at that time, we shall be quite willing to debate this issue *ad nauseam* during an allotted day as the Hon. Member probably wishes.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock. I wish to thank all the Hon. Members.

At 10.28 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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