

*Adjournment Debate*

bility for answering tonight reflects on what is happening in the court, I will have no alternative but to take up the matter as a question of privilege tomorrow, because here we are not dealing with the court decision in any way, shape or form but with what Mr. Kent has put in writing and what has been passed as legislation and supported by two committees of this House.

**Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the minister, and in the absence of his parliamentary secretary, the hon. member for Saint Denis (Mr. Prud'homme), I would like to reply to the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis). I know that the problems involving Devco's efforts in Cape Breton are not unfamiliar to members of the Standing Committee on Regional Development. The hon. member has brought them to the attention of that committee with force and commitment. On May 28 of this year, five representatives

of the preretirement pensioners group met with the minister for discussions and subsequently with the standing committee.

The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Jamieson) has been working very hard to deal with what the hon. member regards as certain legitimate grievances of the pensioners. I believe considerable progress has been made. I know the minister is prepared to co-operate with the hon. member to pursue alternate means to bring just benefits to the Cape Breton miners and their families. The minister has also had discussions with the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang) since there is a legal interpretation to this matter to which the hon. member has referred.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly this House stands adjourned until two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.