

The Chairman: Supplementary estimates for 1967-1968, the Department of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

4c. Administration—Grant to the endowment fund of the Vanier Institute of the Family—L'Institut Vanier de la famille, \$236,869.

Mr. Fulton: In the circumstances I would move that the committee rise and report progress, and Mr. Speaker resume the chair, in order to enable the government house leader to move the adjournment, which is, I think the appropriate course in the circumstances.

Mr. MacEachen: We have called the business for the rest of the day, supply, Department of Finance, and there is no motion.

Mr. Fulton: Then I move that the committee do rise and report progress.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Do you remember February 5, 1963? It was a long road.

Motion (Mr. Fulton) agreed to: Yeas, 79; nays, 78.

The Chairman: I declare the motion carried.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.
Progress reported.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I should like to call item No. 64 on the order paper.

Mr. Starr: I rise on a point of order. I think that in view of what has transpired this evening there should be no more motions put before this house. The house should adjourn at this time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will realize that it is not the responsibility of the Chair to adjourn the house at this time. It is the responsibility of the government to propose the business even at this late hour. It is always possible for the opposition to propose a motion for adjournment.

● (9:50 p.m.)

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: There are always reasons to break rules and on this occasion I rise for the purpose of placing before you, Mr. Speaker, the position of affairs in which this house

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now finds itself. It is a long road that has no ash cans.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I remember so well February 5, 1963, when the decision was made that the government was out. These were the people opposite who said that. Now let them live by their own words.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Resign.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that the Conservative party has finally got a leader.

Mr. Crouse: Don't you wish you had one?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Resign.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure hon. members will agree that there should be some measure of order in the house for the next few minutes. I still believe that my point was well taken when I suggested to hon. members that the procedure was clear, that if hon. members want to adjourn before the ten o'clock hour a motion can always be made for adjournment of the house. This I still suggest to hon. members is the correct procedure.

Order, please. The leader of the government has the floor.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, we have called item No. 64 on the order paper, the second reading of Bill C-202, and the minister is prepared to make a statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps I should be allowed to put the motion first and then we can proceed and it will bring us a little closer to ten o'clock.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE RATIOS FOR
INSURED LOANS

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moves that Bill No. C-202, an act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954, be now read a second time.

Mr. Churchill: On a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre on a point of order.