

Easter Adjournment

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but the time allotted to him has expired. Before I call upon the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp), I would remind hon. members that if he speaks at this time he will be closing the debate.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I listened with very great interest to the hon. member who has raised this very serious question. I want to assure him that the Solicitor General (Mr. Allmand) is not absent because he did not want to deal with these matters but because he was attending to other business. I can express on his behalf his regret that he is unable to be here.

I believe that in order for this matter to be settled satisfactorily it would be necessary for the Solicitor General to be interrogated at some length—

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Not by the RCMP! He will be in great trouble if that happens.

Mr. Sharp: —before a committee of the House. I can certainly undertake on his behalf that when we resume, after what I hope will be an Easter break beginning this evening, he will be ready to deal with the very serious questions that have been raised. In saying this, I do not say this is not a serious matter; it is, and I agree with the hon. gentleman and can understand why he raised it on this occasion, but I can assure him that we take it seriously and that the Solicitor General will deal with it at an appropriate time.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): No. On division.
Motion agreed to on division.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order relating to the business of the House. Earlier this afternoon there were some discussions about the possibility of dealing with Bill C-34 and disposing of it today. Did these discussions get anywhere?

● (1750)

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that they did not.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[English]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bill:

Bill C-46, An Act to amend the National Housing Act.—Chapter No. 38.

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with the order made earlier today, this House stands adjourned until Monday, April 7, 1975, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At 6.03 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order.