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industry in Canada and are preoccupying a lot of the time of Members of the House. I would like to address those points in the course of my remarks.

I do not set the agenda. If there was any disposition to deal with Bill C-116, I do not see why the Government cannot call Bill C-116 and we will take up the debate on Bill C-111 tomorrow or whenever it chooses to bring it back again.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, far be it for me to attempt to interfere with any Member's right to speak at whatever length he or she wishes within the rules. If it is the wish of the Member who has just spoken to continue to debate the Bill that is before us, notwithstanding the fact that we attempted to work out some kind of understanding to accommodate not only the Government but his own colleague, then, quite frankly, obviously the proposed House Order will not stand.

I want to make it clear that we are prepared to deal expeditiously tomorrow with the Canada Pension Bill that affords considerable benefit to a large number of people.

Mr. Frith: Mr. Speaker, I believe if you would ask the House, there would be an agreement to let Bill C-111 stand and have 30 minutes of debate to get Bill C-116 out of the way. We have agreed that there would be one speaker from each Party and the Canada Pension Plan legislation could pass this evening. I would ask that all Members of the House respect that suggestion.

Mr. Deans: No.

Mr. Speaker: I am asked to seek consent of the House that debate on Bill C-111 be adjourned now.

Mr. Deans: No.

An Hon. Member: Why, Ian?

Mr. Deans: I will tell you why, if you want to know.

Mr. Speaker: I take it that the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) refuses consent.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I cannot give that consent. We have devoted a great deal of time this evening to debate. Through no fault of our own, members of his Party took inordinately long periods of time to speak about matters not related to the legislation that was here before us. They used the time; not us. I can only assume that they are not willing to attempt to live up to an informal understanding worked out on the floor of the House. I cannot be party to that.

We will pass both Bill C-111 and Bill C-116 before the House rises. We will do it in the normal time.

Mr. Prud'homme: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The whole premise has been that the Chair has been asked to seek consent. There being no consent—

Mr. Prud'homme: You may find consent.

Mr. Speaker: It is very clear to the Chair that there is no consent.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, if there is no consent, I want to make a point of order. I take exception to the remarks of the NDP House Leader because I was in the House tonight. While the Hon. Member was out of the House, one of his colleagues from Winnipeg took 20 minutes to speak on a Bill and he was not supposed to speak on the Bill. If you want to be fair, be fair to everyone.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the appropriate course of action at this point is to resume debate. The Hon. Member for Laurier.

[Translation]

Mr. Berger: As I was saying a while ago, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to deal with these duties which the Government has imposed on computer parts and some microprocessors. It is clear, from everything that has been said by Canadian industry representatives, that Canada is punishing itself.

[English]

The reaction of the Canadian Advanced Technology Association, as expressed by its President, Mr. Woodbridge, in front of a committee of this House, was clear and unequivocal. No one in the industry was consulted by the Government prior to the imposition of this tariff which was supposed to have been a retaliatory measure by the Government to strike back at the Americans following their imposition of a tariff on shakes and shingles.

However, when striking back at another country, it would be helpful to aim the gun first. If the Government would follow that simple rule—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It being ten o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 10 p.m.