

away willy-nilly. I do not subscribe to that, but I do subscribe to this, that there must be a way in which we can breathe some life into that system so that it will be responsive and proper as it applies to the public sector and employment in the public sector.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it five o'clock?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Would the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) accept a question from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Pelletier)?

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, perhaps he could put the question when I have finished my speech this evening. I would be quite happy to receive it then.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson)—Transport—Request for action to enable some communities to participate in railway relocation program; the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Administration of Justice—Payment of costs for Mr. Ouellet contempt of court proceedings; the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn)—Federal-Provincial Relations—Saskatchewan's claim of jurisdiction over pay television—possible discussion of subject at conference with premiers.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Notice of motion No. 3, in the name of the hon. member for Levis (Mr. Guay).

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The motion stands at the request of the government. Motion No. 4, in the name of the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier).

Some hon. Members: Stand.

Unemployment Insurance Act

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The motion stands at the request of the government. Motion No. 5, in the name of the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale).

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The motion stands at the request of the government. Motion No. 7, in the name of the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall).

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The motion stands at the request of the government. Motion No. 8, in the name of the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway).

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The motion stands at the request of the government.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think there is agreement that we take motion No. 12, standing in the name of the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Is it agreed that we move to motion No. 12?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE BENEFITS TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give consideration to the advisability of introducing legislation to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide benefits to the adoptive parent of an infant, similar to the maternity benefits now provided to workers who are unemployed due to pregnancy.

He said: Mr. Speaker, my comments and observations with regard to this, perhaps in some respects minor amendment, to the existing act will be brief. The intent of the notice of motion speaks quite clearly for itself. I think I should make it quite clear at the outset that in bringing this matter forward this afternoon, I do not intend to seek ways and methods of expanding the already overloaded rolls of the unemployed in Canada, nor am I doing it to expand to so-called welfare society; but, rather, I am doing it because the question is there.

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The problem has been described by some as an inequitable situation. I am bringing this motion forward because there are a number of questions that surround this area which I think need examination and serious thought and consideration by members of this chamber and officials of the government. The