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it because it does not really affect us at all. It does affect us, it affects us very badly, and on reflection I think that when the people of Canada view this bill and consider it in terms of the use of the new devices of electronic surveillance, the extension of the use, the lack of notice, and the power that is given to the police in an extended way, they will be asking the government some questions. There is a duty on the government to explain why it asks this parliament to extend those powers.

I hope there will be some speakers on the government side who will, for once, not sit mute and not acquiesce in whatever the minister says is all right, who will rise in their places and, on the basis of some evidence that they can present to the House during the course of this debate, tell us what has happened in the country that we have to place in the hands of the police, however well intentioned they may be, the power to intrude on our civil rights. I hope they will tell us why it has been necessary to take cognizance of the cases that were brought forward by the hon. member for Calgary North. The

hon. member indicated that if the law is not followed—the law that this parliament dealt with—then the evidence that has been procured as a result of the law not being followed is still admitted in a court of law.

I think parliament has to take a look at that kind of question that has not been answered. I think the hon, member for Calgary North has done the House and the people of the country a great service by putting on the record the number of cases that have come to his attention and are likely to continue unless we, in the course of the discussions on this bill, review it carefully and decide whether or not circumstances have deteriorated to the extent that police should have these powers. My suggestion is that they cannot.

May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.