occupancy can benefit from a reduced interest rate. May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman: In order to permit the House to proceed to the consideration of private members' business, I do now leave the chair.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Before recognizing the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in accordance with an agreement reached earlier today, may I advise the House, pursuant to Standing Order 40, that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald)—Manpower—Opportunities for Youth Projects—Nature of consultation of priorities—Reason for discontinuance of constituency advisory groups; the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Nesdoly)—Grain—Feed Grain—Policy respecting marketing; the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton)—Grain—Responsibility for allocation of railway cars—Declaration of certain branch lines as inoperative because of snow conditions.

Earlier today it was suggested that the House would revert to motions at this time.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

ENERGY

TABLING OF COPY OF TELEX MESSAGE SENT TO OIL COMPANIES REGARDING PRICE RESTRAINT

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, may I express thanks to the House for its courtesy in permitting me to revert to motions to lay on the Table of the House a copy of a telex I have sent today to the oil companies with respect to restraint in their prices until May 15.

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● (1700)

WAYS AND MEANS

DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY TO DEBATE WAYS AND MEANS MOTION

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, may I also, in accordance with section (1) of Standing Order 60, table notice of ways and means. Pursuant to section (2) of Standing Order 60,

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may I request you to designate an order of the day for consideration tomorrow of this notice of ways and means.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being after five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notice of motions (papers), private bills and public bills. As there are no motions for papers the House will proceed to private bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

[*English*]

EASTERN CANADA SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mr. S. Victor Railton (Welland) moved that Bill C-264 respecting the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church of America, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and standing orders, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Railton moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[*English*]

RURAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved that Bill C-102, respecting the establishment of Rural Airport Development Advisory Committees, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the action just taken with respect to the preceding bill probably should apply to this one as well, and if the House would extend that generosity I would be glad to sit down. However, I think that probably would not be the case.

A policy has existed within the Department of Transport for a long period of time to make grants in aid of airport development to municipalities which have airports or airstrips. The standard amount of annual allocation for a number of years has been $2 million, except for 1972 when it was increased to $3 million for that year only. Because the then minister of transport had his eye on an election in 1972 we thought that the extra million was to be applied in areas where it might do the most political good, but the amount has been cut back to $2 million and has remained there. At any given time the department has probably 60 or 70 applications for $2 million, but the