

Motions for Papers

I thank him for those words of tribute to the man under whose leadership our party, both in opposition and in government, has sought to build a true spirit and purpose in Canadianism. We on this side of the house are not unmindful of the influence which his presence in our party has brought to the national scene.

Indeed, on this occasion I would be remiss in my duty as a member of this house were I not to express my belief that had he been allowed to remain as prime minister of this country Canada would already have a national health plan. There is no doubt that he has demonstrated the most decisive interest in this matter, more than any leader of any party in the history of our country. Even the greatest proponents of the Liberal party have wrestled with the knowledge that their party's pledge of a national health plan will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary before becoming a reality within our nation.

The bill before us is ironclad evidence of the failure of the present Prime Minister to bring the provinces together in regard to national health care, and it is notable that this plan does not encompass all elements of national health care. I need only mention what has already been said by many other hon. members regarding, dental, optical and other requirements of our people. It is not surprising that the hon. member for St. John's West has had to try to hide his chagrin and his disillusionment at the nature of this bill and at the general performance of his Prime Minister.

Let us consider, for example, the order of priorities which has been before the public so much in recent days, months and years. This measure, having come on the heels of a confession by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp) that the economy of Canada has become the slave of inflation, is a further devastating example of the carelessness and faithlessness of the administration opposite. Canadians have come to realize the price they have had to pay to maintain this government in office. The Minister of Finance has admitted that the failure of the government has threatened the future of the nation. Canadian businessmen have been brought face to face with the highest fixed costs in the entire history of our country and consumers have now been faced with the highest cost of living that has ever taken place in Canada.

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

[Translation]

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS
TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the questions to be debated at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: The hon. member for Kent, Immigration—temporary harvest workers remaining in Canada; the hon. member for Broadview, Industry—boycott of supermarkets; the hon. member for York-Humber, Administration of Justice—inquiry as to extension of exercise of clemency.

[English]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES
COMMISSION

On the order:

Notices of motions (papers)—Resuming debate on the motion of Mr. Woolliams:—

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all reports, records or documents indicating the places, dates and times of public hearings held by the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta and the members of the Commission and staff attending each hearing; for a copy of the transcript of the proceedings of each hearing; for a return of the record of each hearing if no transcript was made; for the memorandum provided to members of the Commission who were absent from any meeting; and for the résumé or other document prepared by the Commission or any of its members setting out the reasons for changes made in the electoral boundaries for Alberta.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I know that we have agreed not to have a private members' hour but as I will be away tomorrow may I revert to motions on a matter which is on the order paper? I gave notice to the Chair. I wish to ask for unanimous consent of the house that order No. 121, a motion in my name, be discharged and the motion withdrawn. I should first of all like unanimous consent to do this and, second, to do it at this time.

• (6:00 p.m.)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Does the house give unanimous consent to permit the hon. member for Bow River to withdraw his notice of motion No. 121 on the order paper?

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my consent will be forthcoming, though with the greatest reluctance and only after I am given a minute or two to explain my position on