

chesne's citation on the interpretation of the relevant Standing Order and the practice of this House. The hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) has pointed out that this practice has been followed rather strictly. I think that should be the case here, particularly in view of the constitutional ramifications of allowing the House to consider a bill which purports to charge the treasury and is sponsored by a private member in the absence of a recommendation from His Excellency the Governor General.

Having said this, I say to the House that because of the remarks of His Honour on October 20, and because of the very good arguments that have been made today, because I still have the greatest reservation about the procedural correctness of the bill I would, if I were going to do so now, rule it out of order. However, I would like the House to permit me to discuss it with His Honour and perhaps the next time this order of business is called, His Honour will be in the chair and my colleague the Deputy Chairman of Committees or myself will have an opportunity to discuss the question with His Honour and make a ruling on the point. Do I have the consent of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Mahoney: Do I understand, Mr. Speaker, that this bill is to retain its place on the order paper?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, it will retain its place and will be called at the time of the next similar order of business.

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SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD DAY ACT

RECOGNITION OF CANADA'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER BY
OBSERVANCE OF A HOLIDAY

On the order:

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of Bill C-8, an act respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Day—Mr. Macquarrie.

Business of the House

Mr. Baldwin: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if this bill could stand and retain its place so that it would be in the same position as the other bill with which we dealt.

Mr. Mahoney: Mr. Speaker, in view of the progress we have made in this hour, and in view of the unexpected moving along of the order of business, I wonder if we might call it five o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that we should call it five o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) on a point of order.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that, spurred by the opposition, this House has made tremendous progress today, could somebody on the other side please indicate the business for Monday? I presume we will go back to the tax appeal board. But assuming the House makes the same disposition of this matter as it has with the other bills, could some kind soul on the government side indicate what business will follow on Monday, in the way of any change in the order of business as announced by the President of the Privy Council on Thursday? We have already dealt with the business indicated by him.

Mr. Mahoney: No, we have not.

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, I understand that Bill C-174 will be before the House on Monday, respecting the tax review board.

On motion of Mr. Mahoney the House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.