

Adjournment Motion

budget bill now before the House. The reasons the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) and his cohorts in the Liberal Party put forward to explain and to justify this tax are just incredible.

Yesterday I was interested to hear the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) ask the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien) during the question period whether, since it was costing some \$200,000 a day to keep the House in operation, it would be advisable to show the Canadian people what was happening to their tax dollars, the implication quite clearly being that the hon. member would prefer some kind of closure or, to take her logic to its ultimate conclusion, some kind of dictatorship which would mean that no resistance of any sort would be offered by the opposition in this House.

We are elected by our constituents to stand in this chamber and voice their opinions and criticisms of the government, and that is what we intend to do. Certainly those of us in the New Democratic Party will continue to do this even if we have to sit here through the long, hot summer until we pound some sense into this government. I hear a plaintive voice from the backbenches of the Liberal Party.

Mr. Benjamin: Sounds more like a whine to me.

Mr. Symes: It is the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. I wish she would rise in her place after I have spoken and give us a rational defence, if that is possible, of this unjust and unfair tax. I should like to hear some sound arguments from that side of the House, but I have not heard any today. The argument that the Minister of Finance uses, when you get right down to it, is ludicrous. He says there are two reasons for this bill. One is that the government is running short of money with which to make the oil compensation payments to the multinational oil companies who got us into this mess in the first place. Secondly, he said this tax will discourage the use of gasoline and hence bring about conservation.

May I call it five o'clock?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Alkenbrack); Criminal Code—Proposed increase in penalties for extortion—Government position; the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert); Public Works—Request for change in regulations to permit people in northern areas to rent premises owned by department; the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen); Royal Canadian Mounted Police—Alleged reduction in expenditures for force—Minister's position.

[Mr. Symes.]

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

BILLS REMOVED FROM ORDER PAPER AND SUBJECT MATTERS THEREOF REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, with unanimous consent I move:

That Bills C-213, C-222, C-232, C-279, C-287, C-290, C-292, C-304, C-307, C-336, C-362, C-389 and C-405 be withdrawn, their orders be discharged from the order paper and that the subject matter of these bills be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

● (1700)

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We will agree to this proposal. I was hoping that the hon. member who moved it might tell us whether he has any inside information as to what will happen when we get to committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. members have heard the suggestion. Is it agreed that such an order be made and that the subject matter of such bills be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[Translation]

PRIVATE BILLS

ALLIANCE SECURITY & INVESTIGATION, LTD.

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Nipissing) moved that Bill S-26, respecting Alliance Security & Investigation, Ltd., as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, be concurred in.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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

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