

Business of the House

The communist system involves certain administrative principles which give good results in the countries which live according to its principles.

So even though we might not adopt the communist system as a whole, we could perhaps consider its principles in matters of financing. It is said that what is materially possible should be financially feasible.

If this principle is valid for Russia, it is probably valid also under a capitalist system such as ours provided we proceed to reform such a system.

• (5:00 p.m.)

On the contrary, one must hope. Having respected the two systems, our contemporaries must unite and get organized to force a confrontation on the only level where agreement is possible: the higher level of moral values, in brief, the very highest level of all. Instead of fighting them, we should reform them internally through patient, constant and determined efforts.

We must humanize capitalism and liberalize communism in order that the two may meet in the world of man, so that it may become what it should be, so that man may recover his rights and his privileges. Respect for the human being must be paramount. If we respect nations, we may come to respect individuals. Today, nations should have plenty of respect for one another, because we are all in the same boat. If we do not learn to know one another, to better appreciate one another, to live like citizens, like human beings, then if the boat is sunk, we shall all perish together, the victims of nuclear armament. In such circumstances, if we wish to be practical, we must show some consideration for one another and make use of all our resources for the greater good of the human race.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**THE BUDGET—ORDER AS TO PRESENTATION
AND DEBATE THEREON**

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, might I seek the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter which I understand has been discussed through the usual channels? I believe there is agreement for the following order to be passed by the House:

That if the day appointed for the next budget presentation by the Minister of Finance be a Friday, the House shall not adjourn that day at 5 o'clock p.m., but the sitting shall be suspended until 10 minutes after 5 o'clock p.m. and shall at that time be resumed in order to permit the said budget presentation and the preliminary remarks by the member speaking first on behalf of the opposition;

And that, immediately upon completion of the budget debate, the House shall take into consideration any Ways and Means motions presented in relation to the said budget and shall not adjourn until it has completed its consideration thereof, and has given first reading to any bills thereon.

I understand there is agreement among the parties that this motion shall be put and that it become an order of the House.

[Mr. Latulippe.]

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, this "protocol" has just been placed before us and we have not had much time in which to examine it but I am sure the Minister of Agriculture, outside of agricultural matters, would be sure to give us the facts as they are. First, we give our consent to revert to motions. Basically we are in accord with the provisions of the proposed order, but I wish to make it plain that our understanding is that the Friday in question is a Friday in June. If it should happen that we get into July, there would be some disposition not to accept this arrangement.

The understanding is that we start on the budget at ten minutes after five. There would be some comment by the speaker for the opposition, the debate would continue in its usual way and there would be an opportunity to bring forward a bill or bills based on the budget, for first reading, despite the fact that there might not be enough time under the Standing Orders. That is our understanding and I take it this is what the minister intends. On this basis we are perfectly prepared to agree with it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, as has been indicated by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), this proposed order represents an agreement which has been reached among the House leaders. Like the hon. member for Peace River, I think that one or two other parts of the package should be on the record. I may say that these negotiations are carried out in a friendly and co-operative spirit; we do not have any trouble about them—but it is useful to have these points on the record.

Like the hon. member, we are agreeing to this order only if it is put into effect during the month of June. If the month of June goes by without this expected budget, the order is spent as far as we are concerned. There is agreement among us that if the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) makes his budget presentation on a Friday, the debate on that motion will not be resumed until the following Tuesday. If the budget is on the day we expect it to be, there will be enough days to get the six-day debate in.

The package includes a little more than is contained in the order. It is one we have all agreed to. I confess I asked myself a few minutes ago about those mysterious ten minutes, why the House should suspend at five o'clock and come back ten minutes later. I understand this would provide an opportunity to escort members of the press out of their locked-up cells to the press gallery to hear the minister's speech. Anyway, the order has our approval.

Mr. Olson: If I might comment on the questions which have been raised, I would suggest that neither of the hon. gentlemen who spoke were asking that the proposed order be changed. They wanted these things on the record. While I was not a party to the discussions, I have the same understanding respecting the month of June as has been expressed by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) and by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).