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three days to pass this bill; have a good time because it will be law before the public knows about it, even with the instant communications of today". That is not the kind of parliament the opposition is thinking about and that is not the kind of parliament we are going to have if we can do anything about it. This would not be parliament, Mr. Speaker, it would be an oligarchy taking unto itself every day in every way new powers.

The government told us that with this new efficiency that would come with the new rules and that the new committee system they had set up there would be much more participatory democracy in this country. Well, Mr. Speaker, we have committees. We have a proliferation of committees. We have so many committees we don't know whether we are coming or going. What a wonderful reception those committee reports receive when they are submitted to this chamber! The government does not even wait until these reports get into the house before they introduce their own policies, having no regard for the recommendations contained in those reports. The government manipulates other committees so that they do not even report what transpired in the committee. In other committees, such as in the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization, the government endeavours to usurp completely the role of the chairman and the members of the committee.

This is the committee system we have today. It is as democratic as 75c, and that is all that can be said about it. There must be some steps taken to see that when there is unanimous agreement in a committee the government is forced to take action on the recommendations of the committee. These steps will never be taken by this government because it operates by saying one thing to the public and doing another thing in parliament. It will not be able to perform in that way much longer because the Prime Minister's abortive visit to western Canada I am sure has proven to him that you cannot fool the people by telling them one thing and then doing something else in parliament.

The days of Mackenzie King are gone. He is dead. This is not the same as saying God is dead. Mackenzie King is dead, as well as the philosophy he preached. The same rules must

be applied in all parts of this nation. The same kind of social justice must be available in all parts of this nation. There has to be the same kind of approach to democracy. We are not getting that today. If this government ever secured the powers available under 75c, there would never be any hope that the people of Canada would get social justice because then we would have government by Trudeau, and Trudeau alone.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. It being four o'clock, the house will now proceed to the consideration of private business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motion, public bills.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): There has been some discussion in the house, Mr. Speaker. I think there might be general agreement to suspend the private members' hour for today, and adjourn the sittings today at four o'clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) moved that the house do now adjourn.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Mr. MacLean: Before the motion is put, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government house leader the business the government proposes to place before parliament next week?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, the business for Monday will be a continuation of the present debate. As the hon. member knows, all house leaders expect to meet on Monday morning for the purpose of discussing further the business for the balance of the week.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. Once the motion is agreed to, this house stands adjourned until Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

Motion (Mr. Macdonald) agreed to and the house adjourned at 4 p.m.