

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

matter forward as a question of privilege. He may have a grievance and feel that the answers received were not those he would have liked to receive. Merely because the hon. member is not satisfied with the answers given by the minister does not mean that there is a question of privilege, and the matter cannot be raised in this way as a question of privilege.

I suggest there is no point in allowing the minister to reply to the point raised by the hon. member. That would merely bring on debate.

Since there is an order of the house that we should now rise until the call of the bells at five o'clock, we might continue discussing the question of privilege when we return. The hon. member may do that if he still feels it is worth pursuing the matter further. However I think it is the desire of hon. members that we rise at this time.

[Translation]

Pursuant to an order of the house, the sitting is suspended until five o'clock.

[English]

SITTING SUSPENDED

At 3.10 p.m. the sitting of the house was suspended pursuant to special order.

SITTING RESUMED

The sitting resumed at 5 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Combines—Drugs—Price fixing by B.C. pharmacists; the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert)—Agriculture—Eggs—Request for steps to protect Canadian producers against imports; the hon. member for Renfrew North (Mr. Hopkins)—Sports—Trotting Races—Refusal to licence lady drivers.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

THIRD REPORT OF COMMITTEE—NOTICE OF IMPOSITION OF CLOSURE ON DEBATE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could have general consent to revert to motions to make a statement about the discussions on the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization and also about the business of the house?

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The house having reverted to the order for motions:

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): As Your Honour and hon. members know, negotiations have been going on since Thursday last in the hope of arriving at a compromise which would enable the government to discharge its responsibilities for programming the business of the house, but also taking into account some of the points made in this debate by opposition members.

Specifically we proposed to the opposition parties a number of amendments in addition to those proposed in government order No. 99, which together seemed to us to offer hope of a reasonable compromise. Briefly, these are as follows:

1. To remove the standing or special committee stage of public bills from operation of proposed standing order 75C;
2. To provide that at second reading and report stage one full-day's debate must take place before application may be made for an order, that is in addition to the minimum of a full-day's debate which must be provided in the order;
3. To permit the Speaker to extend the time for debate on allocated days for an additional two hours, and on report stage to extend it up to a maximum of two additional days;
4. Where there is an order in effect, to reduce the time limit on speeches to twenty minutes.

After consultations I am advised that those amendments would not enable hon. members opposite to withdraw their opposition to the proposed standing orders. We must, therefore, consider what arrangements should be made for completing the business before the house.