

*Private Bills*

**Mr. Rynard:** That was a slip of the tongue, Mr. Speaker. I would have voted against the motion.

**Mr. More:** I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** I was paired. Had I voted I would have voted against third reading.

**Mr. Bower:** I was paired with the hon. member for Restigouche-Madawaska (Mr. Dubé). Had I voted I would have voted against the bill.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege affecting the rights of members of this house. Both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have a responsibility to parliament and it is in my capacity as Leader of the Opposition that I say this exhibition today, involving a delay of 77 minutes in the taking of a vote, is a gross perversion of the rights of members of this house and deserves the severest condemnation.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** We hear unctuous references to the reform of parliament. What happened here today made a puppet show of this House of Commons and I protest with all the force at my command. There is no parliament in the British parliamentary system which would countenance a delay of this extent, wasting the time of members of parliament for the benefit of a government which was frightened.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman has a very convenient memory. He seems to have forgotten the days when he was on this side of the house and we were on that side. Very often we waited minute after minute, 10, 20, 30 and sometimes 40 minutes after the bell had begun to ring.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That is false, completely false, and the Prime Minister knows it is false.

**Mr. Pearson:** It is not false. There is no rule against ringing the bell. I would point out that we were in our places after the previous vote had been taken, and if the chief opposition whip had not left the chamber a vote could have been taken right then.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That statement is false, and the Prime Minister knows it.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. It is my duty to inform hon. members that under provisional standing order 39A the following matters will be discussed on the adjournment debate: The hon. member for Norfolk (Mr. Roxburgh), National Health and Welfare—Smoking—reported C.B.C. statement by Stanley Burke; the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin), National Defence—NATO—Possible change in Canadian military contribution; the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard), Ports—request for bringing thefts and pillage to an end in the port of Montreal.

It being after six o'clock 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 and public bills. Order. I suggest to hon. members that conversations, discussions and other meetings be held behind the curtains or in the lobbies.

### PRIVATE BILLS

THE NORTH WEST LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I am substituting for my friend, the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard (Mr. Basford), and at his request and with his authority I would ask that Bill No. S-25 be proceeded with.

**Mr. Ryan (for Mr. Basford)** moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. S-25, to incorporate the North West Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Batten in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Chairman, many of us in the house have been interested in the rash of insurance companies coming to parliament for incorporation. We have been interested in the distinction which is drawn between the operations of insurance companies and those of the banking institutions of this nation. We have re-assessed our position on banking institutions and decided the interests of Canada