

The Address—Mr. Broadbent

the agreement signed by the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States permits Canada, after giving a year's notice, to cease the testing of any other missile.

I ask the Prime Minister to pay attention to his own arguments which he used while he was in Europe, to give heed to his own expressed concern which we heard today, to follow the desires of the majority of Canadians and, in short, to send as soon as possible a notice to the United States which says that after the test that is now coming there will be no more tests of the Cruise missile in Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: I offer these suggestions on behalf of my Party. I urge the Government to take them up. Time is short. It is short for the Prime Minister's children. It is short for the children of the Leader of the Opposition. It is short for my boy and my girl. It is short for all the children of this planet. The time to act is now.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, perhaps, if it pleases the other Parties, we could call it one o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is there agreement that we call it one o'clock?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

An Hon. Member: No.

Mr. Nielsen: Carry on.

Mr. Speaker: If there are no speakers, the Chair has no option but to place the motion.

Some Hon. Members: One o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: If no Hon. Members are seeking to be recognized, the Chair has no option.

Mr. Nielsen: The Parliamentary Secretary asked—

Mr. Speaker: The Chair cannot observe any Hon. Members rising.

An Hon. Member: Question.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I think it was the anticipation of Hon. Members that the speeches of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) and the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) would continue until one o'clock. As a result speakers were arranged for the period between three o'clock and five o'clock. In that case, would it not be reasonable to call it one o'clock?

Mr. Speaker: I asked for unanimous consent and distinctly heard a "No" voice. Is there unanimous consent to call it one o'clock?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be unanimous consent. This House accordingly stands adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE**CONDEMNATION OF MINISTER'S STATEMENTS**

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, when is the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Bussières) going to solve some of the problems that have been presented by PC Members on behalf of their constituents? Long statements of rationalization and excuses, and comments about procedures and practices, solve nothing, and only salt the wounds of the Canadian people.

Yesterday the Minister said: "This practice has been in existence for ten years." Well, if it was in existence for 20 years, that does not make it right. Why did the Minister not deal with the merits of the case?

In answer to the Hon. Member for Waterloo (Mr. McLean), who was pleading for the handicapped and the sick, instead of dealing with the problems the Minister said that the taxes were based on a previous decision of the board and the board was going to review the decision. Is the board the Government of Canada? The decision is and was wrong. Why not change it now?

Again, there was the loss of a thousand dollars that was literally stolen from my constituents in Cochrane. The cheque, in payment of taxes, was cashed by Revenue Canada and then either lost, misplaced, or stolen. Revenue Canada then took the same amount out of their bank account. The President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Gray) showed interest, but the Minister of National Revenue, instead of returning the money, talks about the file being destroyed, makes flimsy excuses that will not hold water, and lectures us on fairness and compassion. I say to this Minister and the Government, demonstrate some of that compassion, show some fairness, and return the money.