

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

cost of living increase of 3.4 per cent. This is the lowest of any of the OECD countries.

I would remind the hon. member that the OECD countries include the great trading nations of the western world, the nations with which we do business, so we have not done too badly in this regard. Everyone in the country should, of course, be concerned about increases in costs. The government has been extremely concerned, and we

shall continue to be concerned, about this important ingredient in maintaining our trading position. But we have experienced a notable increase in our world trade despite difficulties in the world trading picture. Last year there was a record merchandise trading surplus of \$3 billion, the largest we have ever known—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.28 p.m.
