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• (9:50 p.m.)

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the amendment lost. Is the House ready for the question on the main motion?

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Mr. McQuαid: Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock? [Mr. Speaker.]

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

HEALTH—CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR EXPANSION OF FACILITIES TO TRAIN DOCTORS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday during the question period I raised the question of medical manpower—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has difficulty hearing the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard). Would hon. members please keep their conversations quiet or conduct them behind the curtains in order that we may proceed with the "late show."

Mr. Rynard: Mr. Speaker, yesterday when I raised the question of medical manpower there was not sufficient time to deal with it adequately. First there is the shortage of established doctors, second the complete inadequacy of new doctors and, third, the moral issue.

• (10:00 p.m.)

Medicare was set up by a Liberal government and became the law of the land. It then became the responsibility of Parliament to see that the necessary doctors were provided. To put it mildly, there has been no real attempt to carry out these provisions. The profession is today unable to cope with the increasing medical demand of not only an increasing population but of an aging population, necessitating more chronic care. People are paying for medicare and feel they have a right to medical attention. This has put a very severe strain on the medical profession.

There should have been an increase, as recommended in the Hall commission report, instead of four years later graduating, in 1969, just over 1,000 doctors, importing just over 1,000 from foreign countries and refusing to provide the facilities required to train the necessary doctors needed to keep pace with our growing population and demand. In 1961 there was in Canada one doctor for every 50 persons. That ratio has dropped and we now rank twentieth in the world in doctor-population ratio.

In both rural and urban centres there is an increased shortage of doctors and lack of hospital space. As a joint program with national medicare, money was to be set aside, called the health resources fund. A fund of \$500 million dollars was to provide the facilities, build the schools for training doctors and paramedical personnel. About the first thing this government did was to cut the health resources grant. This was patently dishonest and unfair to the Canadian people, cutting the services that they are now getting, and it was unfair to the doctors who are expected to pick up the overtaxed load of patient service. The emergency departments of hospitals are being overtaxed.

Because of the scarcity of doctors and their overload of patients, the sick find difficulty in securing appointments. Many people are forced to go to emergency departments of hospitals that were never meant to treat anything but