

Canadian Citizenship Act

member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) and the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner), this bill created a small problem which is, I think, a minor one, but which can very well be settled in the Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts. I believe this bill must be referred for consideration at the same time as Bill C-20 which, I think, will be studied soon.

This short debate allowed us, however, to hear some very interesting points. The hon. member of the Progressive Conservative party raised one that is worthy of much attention, because it is very important. So is the point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles). He put on the record two bills which are, in my opinion, also very important, and I think, even if he did not request it formally, that we could send these other two bills, together with Bill C-209, to the Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

In any case, this is my opinion, and I think this should be done immediately.

• (1620)

[English]

Mr. T. Lefebvre (Pontiac): Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), he and I have already had a private conversation on this very subject about his own bills C-260 and C-317. I advised him that I did not have the authority on behalf of the government to accept this, and that I was

sorry that he had spoken to the House leader or the deputy House leader earlier in the day. I would suggest to him that he do so early next week, and perhaps this could well be done, but I do not have the authority to accept it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, during the first few remarks that the chief government whip was making I was disposed to remind him that there are three cabinet ministers in the House, and perhaps they could speak on behalf of the government but if they do not feel that they can agree to this reasonable request I would be prepared to go along with the suggestion that at some future private members' hour this request might be met without debate.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): You do have authority. Why else would there be a chief whip?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Is the House ready for the question.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

At 4.25 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.