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been enacted by the house, to call that as the next order of business.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, first of all may I point out that this matter should be debated before the crop year is over. But the question I should like to put to the government house leader is, will he answer my question as to whether he will consult with other house leaders to see if such an arrangement could be made?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I would be quite prepared to consult on that point if the hon. member would consult equally on bringing the present debate to an end.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): That's easy. Just remove 75c.

REQUEST FOR LIST OF OUTSTANDING RETURNS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government house leader whether he would mind getting someone on his staff to look at the number of returns which the house has ordered to be made as a result of questions and motions and to compile a list so that members can see which ones are still outstanding?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I should be glad to make inquiries in that regard, Mr. Speaker.

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MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed, from Monday, July 14, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (p. 10963).

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, in the remaining five minutes left to me may I first be permitted to bid a fond welcome to our guests from Ontario who, through some process, have happened to find themselves in the House of Commons to learn from our procedures. I think most of us here envy them. Perhaps nobody has ever put this on record to date. While they think they are underpaid in comparison with us, they have a great way of paying those who work

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

on their committees during times apart from the ordinary sessions of parliament. This is unknown to us here.

I had intended to complete my refresher course for my very good friends opposite on Liberalism, the right of free discussion, and free opinion. Unfortunately the *Hansard* staff did not return a volume on Liberalism and important speeches made by Liberals between 1919 and the present date, so I cannot give them a very fine quotation from the late Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King in which he pointed out very succinctly, in one of the very best paragraphs I have read about this right of free speech, that when democracy obliterated itself things like Hitlerism were allowed to rise in Europe because people made very light of their parliamentary institutions.

This was a complaint I made yesterday about the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), that he was setting himself up as a poseur between the parliamentary process and all the people it is designed to serve and those people who had elected him last June 25. I repeat the argument I made last night by saying that the right hon. gentleman has done a great disservice to himself and to Canada by opposing with the might of his office that prestige and that leadership an important political party could have, by pretending this place was filled with idiots, oafs and buffoons. He has done a disservice, but the disservice will not rest upon our shoulders ultimately. We will have wit to escape this type of approach, and the disservice will rest upon him.

Rule 75c represents tyranny. It is tyranny doubled and compounded, because the right hon. Prime Minister and other gentlemen opposite as well as on this side chose to reject 16A last December. There is no difference between 16A and the new principle of 75c.

● (3:00 p.m.)

Frankenstein has recreated his monster. He has substituted a consonant for a vowel, made some facial changes, pruned the ears back a little more, and perhaps sharpened the teeth; but the fact is that 75c has exactly the same purpose as 16A. I reject it, my colleagues on this side of the house reject it, and we shall be here all summer rejecting it—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McCleave: —until the conscience of those opposite, who belong to a party that