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after we adjourn. If he has two words that he wants to whisper in my ear, he can do so. I know that he is saying how much he admires me. He has been saying that for a while. He must be after something.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans: This is really a serious matter, Mr. Speaker. I want it to be dealt with seriously for just a moment. I do not mind the jocular nature of the exchange, but it is a very serious question. If we write into law that the Minsiter has the right to assume that death occurred without having the appropriate certification to prove it, then I suggest the Minister is acting improperly and illegally. I make that point to him. I suggest that that is the case. I suggest it is not necessary for him to be in that position.

I am satisfied that the Minister could achieve the goals that he has set out, many of which we do not disagree with, without making the assumption that this Bill would allow him to do that, and perhaps incorrectly. I make the point that in the case of a body being found, of course, the certificate of death would be immediate and, therefore, the decision could be taken forthwith.

I believe it is six o'clock. I would prefer to make the points after I have made my arguments on the grouping of the motions. Could I call it six o'clock and I will complete what I have to say tomorrow?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 6.12 p.m., this House therefore stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.