

There is also one other very harsh provision in this bill. There is no question that if a corporation commits an offence under the legislation, it should be punished. But under clause 21 a member of a firm may be penalized whether or not his employer is charged with certain offences. Under certain conditions this is acceptable, but this looks like a basket clause to me. It lays down no guidelines as to when a corporation is responsible; it leaves the responsibility with the person himself, and the opportunity is there for the department to pick on a person rather than on a corporation.

My I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions and private bills. The President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) on a point of order.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, you will recall the question as to the possible interpretation of the special motion on extended hours of sitting, particularly with regard to what the regime would be on allotted days. I suggest, and I believe I have the approval of hon. members, that we interpret the motion to mean that the House will sit at two o'clock on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays when such days are allotted days. If it is necessary to have a House order to that effect, then I suggest we should have it.

● (1700)

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I suppose we can agree that the words of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) could constitute the House order, if that is agreeable to all members. That is the essence of the agreement we have dealt with. As I understand it, on allotted days the House will sit at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless it is a day when the House normally commences at eleven o'clock, that is, Friday; and under the order which is presently on the order paper we would finish at the normal time as a result of a combination of what the President of the Privy Council has said and the existing order as amended.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, if I add a few more words, I hope I do not extend the ambiguity. What the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen) has now proposed as an interpretation of the special order of May 30 corresponds precisely to what we agreed to when we met in the minister's office some time prior to May 30. I agree with the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) that perhaps we could now have a House order that that motion of May 30 is to be interpreted as indicated by the President of the Privy Council: in other words, we meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, when it is an allotted day, from two o'clock to six o'clock, we have the ten o'clock "late show" at six o'clock, and then we meet from eight o'clock to ten o'clock, and go home.

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[*Translation*]

Mr. Béchard: I do not rise on the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, but on a separate one.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It would be better to clarify the first point of order.

[*English*]

Am I correct in understanding that when the House is sitting on an allotted day the normal hours of sitting will be from two o'clock until six o'clock, with the adjournment motion from six o'clock until 6.30, and then from eight o'clock until ten o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Vous avez raison.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In order that this may be clear to all members, on allotted days the House will start sitting at normal hours. The hours of sitting will be from two o'clock to six o'clock, and eight o'clock to ten o'clock, with the adjournment motion taking place from six o'clock until 6.30 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. May it be so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is so ordered.

[*Translation*]

The hon. member for Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Mr. Béchard) again on a point of order.

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, as was pointed out to the House a few moments ago, today is the 33rd anniversary of the landing of Canadians in Normandy. As hon. members ought to know, and if they do not they will momentarily, the annual meeting of the Canada-France Parliamentary Association is held in Canada this week and tonight at 7.15 p.m., as a tribute to Canadian soldiers who went to Europe to defend our liberties, French officials will lay a wreath at the cenotaph. I should like therefore that there be as many members as possible. So I invite them to attend that short ceremony, if they can, which the Minister for Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) will also attend.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I am sure hon. members do appreciate the information being given to them by the hon. member. Of course, this is not a point of order, but nevertheless I hope that as many members as possible will respond to that invitation.