

*Medicare*

**The Chairman:** Is it agreed that paragraph (d) stands?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Shall we proceed to the discussion of paragraph (e)?

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Chairman, I made the suggestion that we recess for dinner. I think this is agreeable to everyone.

**The Chairman:** If there is to be discussion as to whether the committee should suspend its sitting, that matter should be decided with the Speaker in the chair. There is no way for the Speaker to get in the chair unless the committee gives me permission to rise and report progress.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Progress reported.

#### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION TO BE DEBATED UNDER ADJOURNMENT MOTION

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the question to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight is as follows: The hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge), finance—effect of United States tax on inventories of Canadian products.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, I understand there have been some requests for a suspension of the sitting. I would suggest a suspension of one hour.

**Mr. Starr:** To six minutes after seven?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes, that would be agreeable.

**Mr. Starr:** Make it two hours; don't be such a tightwad.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, I should point out that we have been on clause 2 for two days now. We had a longer adjournment last evening at the dinner hour at the request of hon. members, and I think a careful analysis of what happened afterwards would indicate that it would have been just as well to have adjourned for the rest of the day.

There is a great deal of legislation before the house, and there are many requests from hon. members as to when we may expect to get the business dealt with, and so on. I think

the sensible thing to do, in the circumstances, is to agree to abridge the rules for one hour and then get on with the business of parliament.

**Mr. Rynard:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask the government house leader if he would give us another half hour, because we have a meeting of the voluntary health committee. There is another meeting here tomorrow, and they have barely started yet.

**Mr. McIlraith:** We are hearing from splendid organizations such as the voluntary health committee. But with deference to them, Mr. Speaker, it is not appropriate, in my view, for parliament to be continually making way for these associations, no matter how laudable and fine they are. Some judgment has to be used in the matter. I suggest that an hour's suspension of the sitting is reasonable, in the circumstances.

**Some hon. Members:** Seven thirty.

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, it looks as though we have to bargain. Would 7.30 be agreeable?

**Mr. McIlraith:** No.

**Mr. Starr:** Then 7.15?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed that the house suspend the sitting for one hour?

**Some hon. Members:** Until 7.15.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Until 7.15?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Accordingly, I do now leave the chair.

SITTING SUSPENDED

SITTING RESUMED

The house resumed at 7.15 p.m.

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD COST OF INSURED MEDICAL CARE

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada toward the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans—Mr. MacEachen—Mr. Batten in the chair.