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that he is—and goes to the grocery store and does the shopping, to be fully aware of the problems in this regard.

However, the housewife is well aware of the fact that every time she goes shopping prices increase by one or two cents and that often the produce she buys is subject to sleazy merchandising, improper labelling and in many cases fraudulent advertising. I do not know the legal situation in this regard. If I were a lawyer I might not feel the same way about these things. In my opinion there may not be a federal case for the courts, but with regard to most consumer goods we are receiving representations that in my opinion are justified. The quality of products is not in conformity with the advertising. This is true, of course, with respect to soaps and many other things. Each manufacturer says that his product is the best, and being a layman I wonder how every product can be the best and none can be inferior. I believe the consumer will demand that certain things be done in this field.

I know that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway will continue to press for action in this area, and as she continues to press for action the women of this country will learn that they have a voice in this house and a defender of their rights in the political arena. In time we will find that the women of the country will become more and more vocal in this respect and something will have to be done to solve their problems. Attention will have to be paid to their requests. I suggest to the government that they will in the future find themselves in a much better position if they accept this suggestion and do something about it. They should take this suggestion under consideration and at least be willing to put these two departments together, namely, the department of the registrar general and the department of consumers' affairs. If they wished they could have an associate minister of that branch because I can see some difficulties in uniting these two branches without a major change in clause 8.

• (6:00 p.m.)

I hope the government will give consideration to the proposal. More important, I hope the senior civil servants, who are already wedded to the bill they have prepared, will give some consideration to it because I am sure their wives will tell them that this is a very important matter. I have been here long enough to know that if there are good arguments supplied by some of the senior civil

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servants the minister is generally quite prepared to adopt them.

**Mr. Saltsman:** I should like to call it six o'clock.

**The Chairman:** It being six o'clock, in order that the house may proceed to the consideration of private members' business it is my duty to leave the chair.

**JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS****REFERENCE OF SUBJECT MATTER OF MOTION NO. 38 TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask consent of the house to make two motions to refer subject matters to a standing committee.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Fulton:** Before we agree, what is the subject matter?

**Mr. Stewart:** In one instance we have a motion dealing with the matter of highway safety. This is similar to several other motions that have been referred to the standing committee on justice and legal affairs. The other is the subject matter of Bill No. C-176, which appears on page 22 of the order paper.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the house give unanimous consent to move these two motions?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Stewart:** Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the subject matter of private members' notice of motion No. 38 be referred to the standing committee on justice and legal affairs.

**Mr. Fulton:** May I ask as a matter of information—I assume this is so—whether the mover of the motion has consented?

**Mr. Stewart:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is the fact.

Motion agreed to.

**REFERENCE OF SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-176 TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the subject matter of Bill No. C-176 be referred to the standing committee on justice and legal affairs.

Motion agreed to.