

*Business of the House*

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, if it is clearly understood that when the hon. member for Lapointe has completed his speech the leader of the Social Credit party and the leader of the New Democratic Party will have an opportunity to speak and that the debate will then be concluded, we are agreeable.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that the understanding of the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Mongrain:** I rise on a question of privilege.

I should like to point out that there are two independent members in this house and that they too are entitled to have the floor.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member against the motion which has just been made?

**Mr. Mongrain:** Yes, unless the two independent members are allowed to have the floor for a few minutes.

[*English*]

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to agree. On behalf of my leader let me say that I understand he intends to speak for not more than 15 minutes.

● (6:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Thompson:** Mr. Speaker, I would keep my remarks within a limit which would permit the independent members to have their say as well.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the suggestion now that the two independent members will take part in the debate?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Mongrain:** We are asking that either one be given the floor for not more than ten minutes.

[*English*]

**Mr. Thompson:** Mr. Speaker, what I meant to say is that we can still keep the nine o'clock deadline if we allow one of these members to speak, if that is your wish.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that the hon. member for Lapointe will complete his remarks and that there will be one speaker for the Social Credit Party, one speaker for the

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New Democratic Party and then the member for Trois-Rivières? In any event, the outside limit will be nine o'clock so that the vote will be called for nine o'clock rather than 8.15.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Mr. Speaker, may we have the assurance that the independent members will not be allowed to go beyond that and that enough time will be left—what would happen if the N.D.P. member were to speak for three quarters of an hour, to say nothing of other members?

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that this shall be made an order of the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Valade:** I have a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member cannot raise a question of privilege now; it is after six o'clock.

**Mr. Valade:** But this point has been before the house for the last ten minutes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it unanimously agreed that we sit after six o'clock to hear a question of privilege?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being six o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

#### SUPPLY

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Sharp for committee of supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Fairweather.

**Mr. Valade:** I rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the hon. member rising on a question of privilege?

**Mr. Valade:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Before the House adjourned at six o'clock, I rose to ask