

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Douglas: I recognize that the federal government will share any medical services given to an individual in need, but will it share in the program undertaken by the provinces to provide health services to an entire category, for instance health services provided to recipients of old age assistance or mothers' allowances?

Mr. MacEachen: Obviously there is a relationship between this program and the advent of the medical care program for the total population. It is expected that when medicare is available in general and when the federal government will share in providing health services to the total population, the contributions under the Canada Assistance Plan will be suspended, but the coverage for persons in need will be continued and will be shared by the federal government in every province until a medicare program comes into effect.

Mr. Rynard: Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

Mr. McIlraith: I wonder whether the hon. member will be agreeable to continuing his remarks at this time?

Mr. Rynard: I move the adjournment of the debate.

• (10:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I should like to submit to the house a number of bills with the idea that they could be sent to the other place for consideration by them as early as possible. I would, therefore, list the following items for consideration tomorrow: item 45 on the order paper, the Canada Assistance Plan bill; item 77, the second reading and other stages of the Atlantic Development bill; then item 62, the Canadian Film Development Corporation bill; item 76, the crop insurance bill; item 49, the public utilities transfer tax bill; item 55, The Company of Young Canadians bill; item 62, the national arts centre bill; item 51, the public service and other superannuation acts bill; item 72, the Exchequer Court bill; then the Canadian livestock feed resolution and legislation.

I should like to ask that tomorrow hon. members be prepared to take these measures not necessarily in the order I have indicated, so that if there is an opportunity of having some bills go through fairly quickly early in the day to be dealt with in the other place we can do so. This would then leave two items,

the medicare resolution and the Bank Act resolution to be dealt with. If we could follow that program, I think it would be helpful.

Mr. Starr: May I just say a word about this? If the government house leader would not take the Canada assistance bill first, but rather others that might go through quickly and get them over to the other place, then that would leave the Canada assistance bill for later in the day.

Mr. McIlraith: Later in the afternoon; I would be quite agreeable to that, if we could get some of the smaller bills over to the other place.

Mr. Knowles: If we are going to do that, could we not be told tonight which would be the first three or four pieces of legislation with which we would be dealing tomorrow?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes; other than the Canada assistance plan, we would take perhaps the Atlantic Development Board legislation; The Company of Young Canadians bill; the national arts centre bill; third reading of the public utilities transfer tax legislation; and the small bill concerning the Exchequer Court. I hope some of the legal members here would take a look at it because it is a very simple measure and could go through quickly.

Mr. Knowles: Is that the understanding, that we will take those five and then revert to the Canada assistance plan?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, it would be my idea we would revert to the Canada assistance plan some time in the latter part of the afternoon.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Why not get the superannuation bills through?

Mr. McIlraith: If we take those five first and then we could bring forward the Canada assistance plan bill. Hon. members appreciate what the problem is. We want to try to get as many bills as will not take a long time to debate here completed, and over to the other place tomorrow afternoon.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS—WEST INDIES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CUSTOMS UNION

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I rise to put again a question which is of considerable importance I think to this