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was flying a real balloon, a lead balloon or his own balloon, perhaps the Parliamentary Secretary would also deal with this other question about which there is a rumour around Ottawa. We will be interested in what he has to say, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. H. E. Gray (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance): I do not know, Mr. Speaker, whether my remarks will lift or add to the veil of mystery to which Mr. Speaker referred when he shunted the hon. member's question into this late show period. I think it is important to note that the government and its officials do in fact make an effort to be aware of the views not only from the world of business but also from the worlds of labour, the professions and the universities. I think the government has been working to

expand the range of these contacts. In my opinion a very important role in this regard can be and is being played by members of parliament like ourselves. We are in a particularly good position to bring the views of groups and individuals to the attention of the government. I think I must conclude by saying if there are to be changes in existing government policies with regard to the role of the civil service, then I am sure the hon. member knows such changes will be announced in due course and in the usual way.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): What about their pensions?

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.24 p.m.
