

*Supply—Trade and Commerce*

2.30 this afternoon, and I think the house has probably assisted him considerably in that. It seems to me that with a little more time we can perhaps complete these items tonight. While I know the hon. member for Yorkton may not be the only one who does not want to sit past ten o'clock, I would ask him to consider whether he could not let us continue tonight.

**Mr. Castleden:** I appreciate the minister's remarks, but I would point out to him that we have still to deal with the census, the Canada Grain Act and other items which may take us considerably past eleven o'clock.

**Mr. Harris:** I do not think I would ask the house to sit past eleven o'clock.

**Mr. Castleden:** If you keep on going you never know when you are going to stop. I suggest that we had better abide by the rules of the house if hon. members are going to have to start at eleven o'clock in the morning, sit until ten o'clock at night and sit on Saturday as well. I have no intention of yielding on the point. There is not unanimous consent, and I call the attention of the chairman to the fact that it is ten o'clock. I refer him to standing order No. 7 which provides for the cessation of the consideration of business at that time to continue on the following day.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** I think what is happening here is of real importance. Either we have rules or we do not. What is happening here is that we are getting into a situation where a majority is bearing down on a minority. That is what is happening. Let us be quite honest about it. I understand the rules may not be abandoned without unanimous consent. If we want to abandon them and put the matter in the hands of a large majority, that is one thing. That is what is happening now. That is what happened last night, and that is what the Minister of Finance is trying to do tonight. I concede there is a large majority, many of whom may not have been here for much of the time during the day, and the minister is trying to get that majority to break the rule. That is what I think we are facing.

**The Deputy Chairman:** It being ten o'clock, shall I report the resolutions?

**Mr. Harris:** Before you do that, Mr. Chairman, may I point out that nothing I have done would indicate that I was going to ask the majority to bear down on the minority. On more occasions than one during this session I have seen to it that the minority got privileges in the House of Commons, and I am surprised that the hon. member for Greenwood would think otherwise, particularly the hon. member for Greenwood.

[Mr. Harris.]

**Mr. Macdonnell:** I do not want to start a debate. I am not saying what I would do if the minister asked me whether I would agree. I am just trying to point out what I think is happening with respect to what I understand is a very definite rule of the house. Last night it was pretty badly bent and it is going to be bent tonight because what is happening, I submit, is that a majority, a very large majority, I admit, is really destroying that rule.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Never mind that.

**Mr. Knight:** Could we have the program for tomorrow?

**Mr. Harris:** After the resolutions have been reported.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported, read the second time and concurred in.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Harris:** Tomorrow we shall continue with trade and commerce and then take defence production and national health and welfare.

It being ten minutes after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE****Defence services—**

236. To provide for the Canadian forces, the defence research board and other expenditures relating to defence, including contributions toward the military costs of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to authorize expenditures in the current year out of the amount hereby provided, not exceeding \$175,000,000, under the provisions of section 3 of the Defence Appropriation Act, 1950, and to provide that, notwithstanding subsection (3) of that section, where equipment or supplies acquired by the Canadian forces after March 31, 1950, are transferred, the estimated present value thereof shall, if the governor in council so directs, be credited to this vote instead of being paid into the special account mentioned in the said subsection (3), and when so credited may be expended for the purposes of the Canadian forces; and notwithstanding section 30 of the Financial Administration Act to authorize total commitments for the foregoing purposes of \$4,269,726,540 regardless of the year in which such commitments will come in course of payment (of which it is estimated that \$2,443,441,346 will come due for payment in future years), \$1,729,285,194.

**General services—**

237. Grants to military associations, institutes and others, as detailed in the estimates, \$248,975.

233. War museum, \$25,050.

**Pensions and other benefits—**

239. Civil pensions, as detailed in the estimates, \$2,977.