

*Old Age Security Act Amendment*

**Mr. Starr:** Would you do so for the record, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not suggesting to hon. members that this is the procedure we should follow but—

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, would you kindly continue to record these occasions so we will have a complete record?

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish I could do that but I can only read from the incomplete record given to the Chair.

**Mr. Starr:** Did that record stop in 1960?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Knowles:** It was done on the Family Allowances Act in 1944.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members know that going back to 1867 this has been the situation in the house. If ever there was a Speaker who wanted to take it upon himself to change 100 years of practice in the Canadian House of Commons—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May we have order, please? If there ever was a Speaker who wanted to change a practice which has existed in the House of Commons for 100 years it is not this Speaker. I can only inform hon. members that the suggestion made by the hon. member for Queens is an interesting and practical one. It may be that the time of the house should not be taken up by the calling of divisions when it is known in advance what the result will be, but certainly it is not for the Chair to make such a decision, and certainly it is not for the Chair to interpret standing order No. 9 in any other way than it has been interpreted over the years.

Suggestions have been made during the last week that a committee should be set up to study changes in the rules of the House of Commons. I suggest to hon. members who may be members of that committee that this is one rule which should be given consideration with a view to eliminating the possibility of votes being held when the result is known in advance. Such a situation took place this evening. I thank the hon. member for Queens for his suggestion which I know will be taken under consideration by hon. members of this house who will be named as members of that committee to study possible changes.

In view of 100 years of practice I do not think I should change these rules at midnight

[Mr. Speaker.]

today or tomorrow, and therefore I must rule against the hon. member for Queens.

**Mr. McCleave:** Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Burin-Burgeo. Had I been allowed to vote I would not have added to the confusion of the recorded vote.

[Translation]

**Mr. J. A. Habel (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Athabaska; otherwise, I would have voted for the motion.

[English]

Bill read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, it being after eleven-thirty, the hour at which we agreed to adjourn, I suggest we do so.

**Mr. McIlraith:** We agreed to adjourn when the three bills had been put through.

#### EXPORT CREDITS INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENTS AUTHORIZING GUARANTEES TO BANKS, AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, ETC.

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-253, to amend the Export Credits Insurance Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, considered in committee and reported.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** When shall the said bill be read a third time? Now, or at the next sitting of the house?

**Mr. Knowles:** By leave, now.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** By leave, now?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Winters** moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

• (12 midnight)

#### RESEARCH

#### PROVISION FOR GRANTS TO CORPORATIONS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-252, to provide general incentives to industry for the expansion of scientific research and development in Canada and to effect certain related amendments to the Income Tax Act.