

S.O. 21

House in the interest of allowing everyone to be heard fully, in view of the importance of this debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I think I should clarify the statement of the Hon. Member for Simcoe North. The proposal is made on the understanding that rulings have been made that the eight-hour period of debate is over, that the House will now seek only to adjust certain time frames which were allotted to each of the two Opposition Parties. The proposal put forward by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North is that the Hon. Member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave) be accorded a full 20 minutes, but not be subject to the ten-minute question and answer period and not, in any way, continue the eight-hour debate. I wanted the House to know that from the point of view of an examination of the records, that does appear to be a fair proposal. However, it is a request that requires unanimous consent.

Is there unanimous consent to the proposal of the Hon. Member for Simcoe North?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): There is unanimous consent. Accordingly, it is so ordered.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock.

At 1.04 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

HOUSING

POSSIBILITY OF HIGH HOURLY WAGE OFFSETTING \$2,000
QUEBEC SUBSIDY

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis): I would like to draw the attention of the House to a rather unusual situation. A few days ago, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) and the Minister of Public Works (Mr. LeBlanc) confirmed that the Canadian Home Ownership Stimulation Program had been terminated. Funds had run out and buyers of new homes could no longer receive the \$3,000 grant.

The Quebec Minister of Finance, Mr. Parizeau, thought he was being very clever when he announced that the Government of Quebec would pay \$2,000 as a substitute for the Canadian program. However, he neglected to point out that as of May 1 of this year, the Government of Quebec has allowed a ten-

percent increase in wages in the construction industry. For instance, a carpenter will now be getting \$16.22 per hour instead of \$14.74. In fact, the effect of the \$2,000 grant announced by Mr. Parizeau is offset by an equivalent rise in labour costs.

Construction workers I spoke to this weekend were all against the wage increase, which was stage-managed by René Lévesque and Louis Laberge and has now created a situation that actually harms the interests of construction workers, who are sick and tired of posting certificates in the living room stating that they earn \$16.22 an hour, while they are not working at all. As a result of these high hourly rates, there is a good market for illegal construction workers. In my opinion, this is a state of affairs that must be remedied.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REFUSAL OF DOCUMENTS SOUGHT BY RCMP DEFENDANTS

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) and, indeed, the entire Government must be aware of the lack of natural justice concerning the prosecutions against certain members of the RCMP Security Service.

They will recall that the Government gave both the Keable and McDonald Commissions documentation upon which the Crown is now apparently basing much of its prosecution against these men. In his recent decision Chief Justice Thurlow indicated that he was not prepared to allow the defence to have certain RCMP files and documents, and it is reported that he did not even feel disposed to review the documents to see whether or not they were objectionable on grounds of national security or international relations.

Defence counsel Richard Mongeau appealed on May 5, 1983, and I urge the Government to instruct its counsel to take a different approach so that members of the Security Service, who were encouraged by their superiors and undoubtedly by certain Ministers of the Crown and the PMO to use every possible means of obtaining information relating to political activities in Quebec, will not now be abandoned.

It is a travesty that Counsel, taking instructions from the Government, are using every legal means to deny RCMP members a comprehensive legal defence. It is a pity that some of the individuals who urged the original initiatives and who operate in a political framework are not facing the same situation as the police officers. We would then see quite a change in the availability of evidence for their defence.