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leader whatsoever. It is simply made to him in the best possible faith. If any member over there can find any motive for my making this reasonable suggestion, I would like to hear it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: I hear all sorts of laughter. However, no hon. member is courageous enough to stand in his place to make an accusation as to my motivation.

I make the offer in good faith and I make the suggestion in good faith. We can be out of here, vote on all the votes that are necessary to clear the matter up next Monday, and also defer next Wednesday's vote until next Monday. I put that to the government House leader in the best possible faith.

● (1750)

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make clear where we on this side stand. I understand from speaking with my critic, and I understood half an hour ago, that some work had been done to narrow the number of votes down to a maximum of two. We are of course prepared to vote since the House already called for it. I am always interested in accommodating what common sense would dictate. Your Honour may, in fact, recall that last Monday evening at about two o'clock in the morning I was still begging for common sense. However, without choosing sides on this matter, we are ready to vote. But if it were to be decided to defer the votes, then that will not cause us any great pain.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton is in the House. A few minutes ago I spoke to him, along with the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) who is here in the House. Very clearly he told us that his party would not request any recorded division on any vote and that, in fact, he did not want any vote to be recorded at this time. He is here. That is what he told me and that is what he told the Minister of Communications. I ask him to confirm that, if he is an honest man.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, just so the air will be cleared, it was not our intention to call votes on the report stage amendments. That was the discussion. But in the intervening debate, the New Democratic Party critic indicated to me that his party intended to call one vote at report stage, and during the course of the debate, the party indicated it would vote against the bill. The hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty) clearly stated the position of our party in discussions with me, confirming what I had said in the course of our own speech that if a vote were called, we intended to support the bill. Therefore, it looks as though we are faced with two votes. That is the situation, as I understand the matter, which is well within the three votes which have been mentioned by the House leader for the official opposition. That is the position as it stands.

I have just one observation. There is a House order that calls for a vote at 5.45 p.m. It is now 5.50 p.m. and I presume that

we should get on with the voting. If there can be no arrangement to dispense, then we must get on with the voting. If an arrangement cannot be made to dispense, I will naturally have no difficulty in that respect, but that is the situation. We are bound by order.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton has acknowledged that what he has in mind, as he had in mind when we reached the understanding, is that there will be two to three votes as a maximum. He even mentioned two votes. That is fine. We should just put the questions as we are ready to vote now.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. It being 5.45 p.m., pursuant to an order made Wednesday, June 23, 1982, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put forth every question necessary to dispose of the bill now before the House.

Accordingly, the question is on Motion No. 1. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): In my opinion the yeas have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Motion No. 1 (Mr. Fox) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The question is on Motion No. 2. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): In my opinion the yeas have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Motion No. 2 (Mr. Fox) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): There seems to be an order that when the question is put on motion No. 3, it will dispose of Motions Nos. 4 and 5. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Therefore, the question is on Motion No. 3. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

● (1800)

Some hon. Members: Yea.