Transportation

Minister of Transport, I wonder whether that should be done first or just what is the procedure with respect to it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It has been moved by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill), seconded by the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Turner), that pursuant to standing order 6(2) the house continue to sit after six p.m.

Mr. Starr: Is any time for adjournment specified in the motion? Normally when a motion of this nature is put the time of adjournment beyond the hour the house normally rises for adjournment is stated. Would the mover of the motion stipulate the time of adjournment after six o'clock which he proposes?

Mr. Pickersgill: I do not think it would be reasonable to suggest sitting beyond ten o'clock.

Mr. Starr: Could that be included in the motion?

Mr. Pickersgill: It could be understood.

Mr. Starr: I think it better to stipulate it.

Mr. Pickersgill: I would be quite happy to have it made an order. It is a moral guarantee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I must point out to the house that this is not a debatable motion. Standing Order 6 (2), which I will read to the house, states:

A motion that the house continue to sit after the hour specified in section (1) may be made at any time without notice. If any member objects to the motion, Mr. Speaker shall request those members who object to rise in their places-

Mr. Howard: I am not objecting, Mr. Speaker; I just want to speak on second reading.

Mr. Southam: Put the motion. There is no objection.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I also want to address myself to the motion for second reading.

I do not want to object, but I do want to speak on the motion.

[English]

Transport wish to change the motion?

Mr. Pickersgill: No. I am putting the motion and I am agreeing at the same time that it should be understood that there is an order of the house that we will not sit beyond ten o'clock.

Mr. Starr: I think it is understood that the minister has said it will be understood that the house will not sit beyond ten o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will read again standing order 6(2).

A motion that the house continue to sit after the hour specified in section (1) may be made at any time without notice. If any member objects to the motion, Mr. Speaker shall request those members who object to rise in their places and if ten or more members then rise, the question shall not be put on the motion. If no member objects or if fewer than ten members rise in their places, the motion shall be deemed to be carried.

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are members of the house objecting to this motion?

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, now that the motion has been carried may I ask the minister whether he feels the need for a meal this evening? Could we not take one hour off for that purpose?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Less than ten members having risen in objection to this motion, the motion is deemed to be carried.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Knowles: I was not objecting to the motion Mr. Speaker; I was asking the Minister of Transport a question.

Mr. Pickersgill: I should like to reflect on the question for a while.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, there are times when I have a certain amount of compassion for the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) but as he is not really interested in listening to me I will not bother expressing my views in that regard at the moment.

There are certain aspects of the bill which are appealing. One is that it seeks to consolidate into one agency the regulatory functions relating to a variety of modes of transportation. Another is that there is an enunciation of national policy with respect to transportation itself. There are, however, other facets of the bill which are not appealing and which Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Minister of tend on balance against a favourable disposition being made of it. One of these is the fear