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They were here during the early part of the afternoon. I spent a few minutes with them in a committee room answering their questions, and then they went home. I am glad they went home and did not see that performance.

Mr. Chairman, I know I run the risk of being accused of delivering a gratuitous lecture or an unnecessary sermon, but I submit that what I have expressed is, in our better moments, the view of all of us in this house. I would ask that we think about this carefully. It is the view of Canadians generally. This parliament is an important, sacred and valuable institution; let us not damage it, in the way it has been damaged this session, by not letting decisions be made by parliament, or by allowing to happen the things I talked about in my speech on Monday night, or by the kind of rowdy and unruly demonstrations which we had yesterday afternoon. The people of this country are looking to us to uphold the traditions of responsible, free, democratic government. An election is coming. It may be sooner or it may be later, but it will be pretty important when it does come that we go to our constituents, those of us who are here now, with the others who are nominated, as men and women who will uphold all the rights and privileges of parliament, particularly those which have been damaged in this session by both sides of the house, and uphold the traditions which are ours from across the years. Mr. Chairman, I plead that we think seriously about these things. I did not rise to deliver a blast at one side or the other. I rose rather to express what might be called a voice of conscience over what happened yesterday, and to suggest that we try to recognize our responsibility to maintain all of the traditions of parliament.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Chairman, I take it that everyone has spoken. I know that I am not expected, and that the committee would not expect me, to reply to all of the points which have been raised. We have had a wide-ranging discussion on matters such as the Columbia river and the rights of minorities, as was discussed yesterday afternoon. Reference is now made to the privileges of the House of Commons. This has been a rather lengthy debate—I am sure I will be forgiven for saying that—but I think on the whole it has been a very worth-while debate. I am sorry that parliament does not have more time to deal with these matters. A great deal of controversy has been injected into the debate, but that is only natural in the political arena in which we live. When the hon. member for Assiniboia suggested this afternoon that the government was guilty of politics throughout this debate, I only hope that the Canadian people will read *Hansard*, and particularly

his speech, because then they will decide where the political emphasis has been during the debate.

We did have this unpleasant, unfortunate incident yesterday afternoon, Mr. Chairman, which I hope will not occur again. I am sure that it will not if leadership can prevent it. As the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre said, it was reminiscent of another day in 1956, the alleged "black Friday", when we saw incidents of the same nature. But we have not seen them since.

I am sorry that we have to deal with this matter on a 30-day supply motion; I would much rather have had a 60-day or 90-day motion. We discussed it earlier and thought this was a better way to deal with it. This debate has been longer than I expected, and there will be others in the future. I assure hon. members that after the Christmas recess we will be going into supply and opening up the departments, reviewing estimates, and also bringing forward legislation just as rapidly as possible. I do not want to take further time of the committee now, but I would hope that after the longest debate ever, I think, on a 30-day supply motion we might pass this resolution, get into the bill and dispose of it very quickly.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the resolution carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

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The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Chown in the chair.

The Chairman: Order, house again in committee of ways and means.

Mr. Nowlan moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963, the sum of \$330,089,511.93 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, as set forth in the resolution concurred in this day in the committee of supply.

Mr. Chairman: Shall the resolution carry?

Mr. Pickersgill: Not until I have put one question to the minister. My question is this: Does the minister know where the money is coming from?

Mr. Nowlan: I am fairly confident that I can find the money, Mr. Chairman.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.