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learned how to deal with oppositions, did he not?

An hon. Member: Shame.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the government house leader, but I shall now direct it to the Prime Minister. Is the Prime Minister not aware that the house leader, in explaining the motion to the public, said that it was put on the order paper prior to the finding of the money. If so, why did not the house leader withdraw the motion on Thursday when the money was found?

Mr. McIlraith: Perhaps I could answer that question. My statement I think should be put on the record. I have the precise text of it here, and it is this:

An hon. Member: What date?

Mr. McIlraith: It is this.

The notice of motion for continuous sittings of the House of Commons, appearing on the notice paper, was given on Thursday, before it was known that funds could be made available to meet this public service pay period. It was given in an effort to do everything possible to obtain the money required to issue pay cheques.

Now that sufficient money is available for this purpose, it will not be necessary to proceed on Monday with the motion for continuous sittings.

I hope that it will not be necessary to proceed with the motion at any time. Certainly it will not be proceeded with until after Wednesday at the earliest, and then only if the official opposition is continuing to use the interim supply debate for purposes other than those intended and in a way that interferes with the rights of parliament.

If the motion to extend hours is proceeded with, it will be to protect the rights of parliament.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize the hon. member for Cape Breton South on a supplementary question, but I suggest that after this we might go to another subject.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): My supplementary question is to the Minister of National Revenue. I would ask him how he can justify asking for a decision from the legal department in respect of paying civil service salaries on Thursday morning unless the money had actually been found on Wednesday.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): I think my hon. friend is under a complete misapprehension about what goes on.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

Mr. Speaker: I hesitate to interrupt the minister, but I thought he was going to say he would explain his position on this matter later, when interim supply is being discussed, which I hope will be in a very few minutes.

TELEVISION**SASKATCHEWAN—C.B.C. BLACKOUT OF FOOTBALL PLAY-OFFS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. lady, the Secretary of State, and is in reference to the C.B.C. intention to black out the play-offs of certain football games. In particular, now that the Saskatchewan Roughriders have displayed such great superiority over Winnipeg, would the minister not see to it that these games are broadcast in the west?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Last week, when this matter was raised, I took it up with the C.B.C. and they arranged that their affiliated station in Saskatoon might carry the programs, provided C.T.V. would give them the right to do so. I have not yet been informed whether the private broadcasting network has agreed that the games should be shown. If so, the C.B.C. affiliate has been given permission to leave the national network long enough to carry these games.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker, earlier I was asked a question by the hon. member for Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale about the television coverage of the western football playoffs in Saskatoon and the area. I am sorry the hon. member has left the house, but perhaps one of his colleagues will advise him that I now have received information that although the C.B.C. has made the necessary arrangements with its affiliate and sponsors, the C.T.V. and its Saskatchewan affiliate in Moose Jaw have refused to supply the feed to the corporation. There is nothing the C.B.C. or the government can do, but it may be that those persons interested in the Saskatoon area may, by their own persuasion, change the mind of the C.T.V. network and the Moose Jaw originator.

Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, might I ask the hon. lady whether under the circumstances, since this points out very clearly the poor coverage which exists in