

Privilege—Mr. McLean (Simcoe)

protesting against proceeding with this bill. It would be doing a service not only to the country but to this lady and her daughter if we refused at this time to allow the matter to be pushed through. I know it is quite late in the session and that is one reason why I refrain from going into the argument in detail, but it would be simply outrageous to have the bill go through.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): There seems to be a very strong feeling that this bill should not be proceeded with at this time. I should think the motion might well be withdrawn, if that were the general desire. No doubt the house would give its consent to that course.

Mr. TELFORD: I will ask that the motion be withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn.

TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS

EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): I lay on the table the extradition treaty recently signed between His Majesty the King and the President of the United States. There will be no opportunity at this time to consider legislation which would be required to confirm the treaty, but I thought it might be advisable to have it on the table so that hon. members may have an opportunity to study its contents before parliament meets again.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MOTION FOR INTERMISSION FROM ONE TO TWO O'CLOCK P.M. THIS DAY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): In order to help ensure the long adjournment of the house to-day, and as early in the day as possible, might I suggest to hon. members that the luncheon recess be from one to two instead of from one to three. It will be remembered that after discussions have concluded in this house there still remains assent to bills in the other house. We might seek to arrange for the assent as early in the evening as possible.

Mr. SPEAKER: It will require a motion.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I move:

That the intermission this day be from one to two o'clock p.m., instead of from one to three o'clock p.m.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. C. E. Johnston.]

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES—DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I wish to protest against the order of business to-day, and the manner in which labour affairs have been prevented from coming on the floor of this house. With no more important matter facing the people of Canada than labour relations, we find it the last item on the agenda to-day. I protest in the strongest possible terms.

PROCEDURE IN CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE OF COMMONS ESTIMATES

Mr. G. A. McLEAN (Simcoe East): I rise on a matter of privilege. I have before me the record in *Hansard* of the proceedings of the house yesterday. I claim that some of those proceedings constituted a gross breach of the rights and privileges of members of the House of Commons.

You will recall, Mr. Speaker, that during the debate on the budget I took occasion to refer to expenditures dealing particularly with one branch. It perhaps might have been more properly dealt with under the estimates. You, sir, I think were aware that it was my intention to speak on these estimates, because a few days ago the hon. member for Northumberland, Ontario (Mr. Fraser), came to me and said you desired to know whether it was my intention to speak on those estimates. I informed him that it was.

I wish to point out that this was the only branch the cost of which was dealt with while the debate on the budget was in progress. It is I believe customary—if I am wrong I will be corrected—for the estimates of the legislation branch to be introduced by the Prime Minister. I think that has usually taken place.

We have been sitting in the house from eleven o'clock in the morning until twelve o'clock at night. I have sat in this house I think as faithfully as any hon. member. Last night, between eleven and twelve o'clock, while the hon. Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Crerar) was leading the house, putting his estimates through, you, Mr. Speaker, were permitted to introduce the legislation estimates, sandwiched in between the estimates of two branches of the Department of Mines and Resources. It happened that for about fifteen or twenty minutes I was absent from the chamber, in the lobby. I do not claim that those who are in charge of the house should notice when I am present and when I am not, but I think you were aware that the one department which had