

Mr. Munro: Maybe he did not threaten the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Aiken: He did not threaten the Minister of National Health and Welfare either.

Mr. Munro: How do you know?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but, as I said before, I have grave doubts about this line of debate on this motion and I would invite the hon. member to revert to the subject matter before the house.

Mr. Aiken: All right, Mr. Speaker. I had merely hoped that the minister would make the gesture, and perhaps he will complete it, of stating that perhaps his office was a little hasty in this instance. That is all I want. Here you have a man who has suffered the indignity of a visit from the police, and his wife is very much concerned. I raised it only for this one point. The minister did say that perhaps his office over-reacted, and if he can accept that there was over-reaction then I will discontinue—

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order this time. Previously I raised a question of privilege, which apparently had no effect because the hon. member kept on with the same thing. But as a point of order, Mr. Speaker, what possible relevance has that man visiting my office got to the motion before us today? Does the hon. member have anything constructive to contribute toward how we can better present our programs in the old age pension field or not?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I think my position on this matter has been stated twice, and has been very clear. I invited the co-operation of the hon. member on this matter. I have expressed my grave misgivings about this line of debate on this motion. I know the hon. member is probably much more experienced in the rules than I am, and he knows the reasons that I have expressed this point of view. In any event, it is five o'clock and it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions—

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, there is no private members' hour today.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): This is the late show.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member's time has expired.

Suggested Pension Payment Corrections

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose)—Labour Conditions—alternative to compensate for cancelled winter works program; the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) Post Office Department—Referral of outstanding issues to mediation procedures; the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose)—Post Office Department—effect of casual employees on position of inside workers.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 53 (4) (a)—SUGGESTIONS TO CORRECT ANOMALIES IN PAYMENT OF PENSIONS

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, in this house we have had a number of motions quite similar to the one which is before us. As recently as Friday last a major debate took place on the Public Service Superannuation Act and a number of hon. members, myself included, expressed our views on what should be done to assist in the difficulties in which superannuated civil servants find themselves. The matter raised by the mover of this motion has frequently been debated on the late show and on other resolutions of his, and I must give him full credit for being absolutely persistent.

The business of the government of this country is not only to be concerned with aspects of social welfare and generally the distribution of the benefits of our affluent society, but also to be concerned with the broader problems of its responsibilities in other fields and priorities. This afternoon the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Munro) outlined what has been done. Hon. members on the other side, particularly in the party of the mover of the motion, referred to the 1919 resolution of the Liberal party. They usually do so with a little derision in their minds.