

*The Budget—Mr. Hopkins*

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I can indicate with regard to tomorrow that we will be proceeding with the report stage of the bill with respect to supplementary pension benefits, government order 81. The business for next Monday and Wednesday will be announced, depending on progress on that particular matter. As already indicated, Tuesday will be the final allotted day of the period.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will the minister consider using his considerable influence, about which he is so modest, with his colleagues on the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization to use the estimates of the House which are before that committee as a means of securing a full and adequate discussion of those procedures of this House which have been the subject of discussion and need some examination?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the more orderly way of proceeding, particularly in relation to a committee dealing with the Standing Orders, would be by way of a general reference from the House of the kind I suggested yesterday and which I hope the hon. member might be prepared to accept.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will the Government House Leader consider discussing with his fellow House Leaders the terms of reference of such a motion?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Perhaps I could draw the hon. member's attention to the suggestion I made yesterday. I will be glad to have his comments on the terms of reference set out there.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, anything like that ought to be put before us in writing.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** It is already before the House in writing, Mr. Speaker. I should point out to the hon. member that *Hansard* is printed these days.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

• (3:00 p.m.)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Wednesday, March 18, consideration of the motion of Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance) that this

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House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government and the amendment thereto of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) (page 5051).

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North):** Mr. Speaker, there is one particular subject I want to strongly emphasize in this budget debate. Parliament, and indeed all Canadians, should take note of the attack being made today on a very important segment of the Canadian science community.

At Rolphton, Ontario, there is a nuclear power demonstration plant which was built by General Electric for Ontario Hydro. Advice on this project was received from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. Some very damaging remarks are being made today in certain parts of Canada with regard to nuclear power stations and these are reflecting on our science community. Canadians should be proud of the achievements of the people in our Canadian science community, particularly in the nuclear field. I refer to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. The professionals of Atomic Energy have contributed greatly to the installation of nuclear power stations which will produce hydro power in Canada. They have schools to train their technical people.

The science community of Canada has come a long way. What concerns me is that if this propaganda and these attacks continue against the technical and professional people of Atomic Energy and other segments of our science community, it is going to hurt our image abroad. These attacks are undeserving and should not be directed toward this responsible group. From time to time during the last five years this plant at Rolphton has in fact been producing electric power for the town of Deep River.

I now wish to deal with the subject of housing. I wish to congratulate the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Andras) in charge of housing for the provisions he has made for the people in the low income brackets of this country, namely those earning less than \$8,000 a year, who qualify for CMHC loans. Those people in Canada wishing to purchase a home are told to obtain a mortgage under the National Housing Act from their bank or an approved lender of their choice, and that CMHC will be pleased to consider it for insurance upon submission to it by the lender. I have received representations from people in my area. I am sure other hon. members have also received these representations. The