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might very well follow as a result of my motion being adopted that by twelve o'clock tonight we would have completed the business of the house and the house would decide to adjourn, but if we pass an amendment saying that we have to adjourn at twelve o'clock, where are we if we have not got rid of today's business?

Mr. Fraser: In bed by twelve-thirty.

Mr. Knowles: I submit that the house should come to a decision on this matter.

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that the house would have come to a decision on other important matters in which he is anxious to have a decision if he had not thrown a monkey wrench into the works, if he had not done that with all the appearance of doing it deliberately so that he himself could obstruct the procedure of this house and deliver more sententious speeches. He himself is responsible for prolonging and delaying the procedure of this house.

The hon. member has just said he feels that he should have the right to vote on the legislative matters before the house; that he should have the right to vote on second reading; that he should have the right to vote on this amendment. The hon. member will have a right to vote. Nobody is going to take away his right to vote. What the hon. member means is that after the government has deliberately delayed the introduction of this legislation until the dying days of this session we should allow ourselves to submit to the compulsion of that tactic and refrain from adequate debate. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is saying, "I think all that can or should be said in this debate has been said, and I want to vote." In other words he is saying, "I do not want to hear any other member speak on this matter; I think we should have a vote now."

Mr. Knowles: Don't you?

Mr. Fulton: The hon. member's attitude is far more domineering and hectoring than that of the government. If it does indicate anything, it indicates the folly of electing a C.C.F. government.

Mr. Knowles: Will the hon. member permit a question? I am not going to worry about the remark he has just made. My question relates to the point he made just a moment ago. Will he reconcile for me his offer that we should have a vote soon on the amendment before the house with his suggestion that there should be still further debate on the question? You cannot have it both ways.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Mr. Fulton: I was going to come to that eventually, and I might as well come to it now. The offer made to the C.C.F. this afternoon, as the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre knows very well, was made on the basis that this threat of compulsion should be withdrawn. I point out to you that the offer was made immediately after lunch, just after 2.30 when the house met again this afternoon, and it was repeated by two speakers on this side who each offered to give up his place, to resume his seat immediately, if there was any indication from the C.C.F., the government and the Social Credit party, all of whom are in collusion on this motion—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Coldwell: I submit that the charge of collusion is unfounded and the word should be withdrawn.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Coldwell: On a question of privilege—

Mr. Fulton: The hon. member did not say he was speaking on a question of privilege.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker, I submit that the charge which has just been made is unjustified and that the word "collusion" is unparliamentary and should be withdrawn.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Coldwell: The hon. member spoke of conspiracy among—

Mr. Fulton: I did not say anything about conspiracy.

Mr. Coldwell: Collusion, which is akin to it.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Fulton: The hon. member has made his question of privilege. I submit there is nothing unparliamentary in the word "collusion". I might as well tell the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan—

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan (Mr. Coldwell) has objected to the use of the word "collusion" as between different parties.

Mr. Coldwell: The hon. member made the charge that there was collusion among the government, the C.C.F. and the Social Credit members of this house.

Mr. Fulton: There is at the present time, in that you are all supporting it.

Mr. Speaker: The leader of the C.C.F. party has said that there is no collusion between his