

**Mr. MacInnis:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Closure, closure.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Cape Breton South on a point of order.

**Mr. MacInnis:** This point of order was brought on by an interjection. I am now asking the Minister of National Health and Welfare if the hon. member for Pictou did not give him an opportunity to speak at twenty minutes to ten.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Pictou of course was ready to yield the floor. I did not accept the offer because I thought he might conclude very soon; and if he did not, I thought the house might allow me to make a very brief reply to some of the comments which have been made.

If I have unanimous consent, I should like to make a few brief comments.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Has the Minister of National Health and Welfare the unanimous consent of the house to continue.

**Mr. Starr:** He can say what he needs to say in three minutes.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the house give unanimous consent?

**Mr. Starr:** What he has to say will only take three minutes. He can say it in three minutes.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the house give unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Agreed.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to miss an opportunity of sharing in the billing of the Cape Breton hit parade that has been hitting the House of Commons regularly since this session began.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Let us get on.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I am glad to share even in a modest and minor way in this. The stars have already appeared in the show before this evening. To me, it sounded like a re-run. It was a re-run.

23033—192

*Estimates Entered for Consideration*

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The minister so far has not said anything. I call it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton South and Victoria):** What about steel?

**Some hon. Members:** Closure.

**Mr. Winkler:** You know all about those things.

**An hon. Member:** You are past masters at closure.

• (10:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being ten o'clock, it is my duty pursuant to Section (4) of standing order 56 to interrupt forthwith these proceedings and put forward any question before the house. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**Mr. Starr:** On division.

Motion (Mr. Sharp) agreed to, and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the chair.

The estimates of the following departments were first taken up and entered for consideration:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

1. Departmental administration, \$4,899,800.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

1. Departmental administration including fees for membership in the international organizations listed in the details of the estimates, \$6,664,500.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1. Departmental administration including the Canadian Agricultural Services Co-ordinating Committee, contributions to the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux and a special contribution not exceeding \$20,000 to the Agricultural Economics Research Council, subject to approval by the Treasury Board, \$4,750,800.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Administration, operation and maintenance including payment of remuneration, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council and notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, in connection with the assignment by the Canadian government of Canadians to the staffs of the international organizations detailed in the estimates, and authority to make recoverable advances in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amounts of the shares of those organizations of such expenses, and authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salaries of commissioners (International Commissions for Supervision and Control in IndoChina), secretaries and staff by