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of \$5,460 so that unemployment insurance is no longer applicable to them unless they agree to carry the premium payments themselves. One can think of many such people in the service trades, drivers on city bread routes and milk route deliveries, warehousemen and the like, whose wages today exceed the ceiling of \$5,460. Therefore it is reasonable that the act be amended to raise the ceiling and again include them under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act. I continue with the quotation from the minister's address:

(c) In the light of certain new concepts being considered it is evident that a greater degree of universality—a broadening of the base—within the employer-employee relationship would be beneficial to the act's future health and ability to contribute to society.

So the minister does not drop the idea of universality, and I have certain differences with him on that. He added and this is important:

What I did not say nor imply was that proposals for such a degree of universality would extend to include the self-employed businessman or the doctor, or the lawyer or any who were not functioning as employees on wages or salaries, or their employers.

In other words, he specifically denied that he intends including doctors, lawyers and such self-employed persons in his proposals to amend the act. But that does not settle the question of whether or not teachers are to be included. I hope the minister will take an opportunity to enlarge upon what he said in his speech on September 26 and clarify how

far he proposes to go in the direction of universality, because it is not yet clear that teachers are to be included. Why should one want to include a class of people such as—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I must advise the hon. member that the time for private members' business has now expired.

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Mr. Knowles: Could we have a statement from one of the house leaders about the business for the next few days?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, we hope to continue tomorrow with the second reading of the bill to set up a department of corporate and consumer affairs. If that is disposed of we would also like to take the second reading of the emergency gold mining bill and the third reading of the manpower advisory council measure tomorrow. If this is not possible we would try to have the third reading of the manpower and immigration measure on Friday and then take the postal resolution. These are the items for the rest of the week. I will fit them in as I have outlined.

Mr. Knowles: Is it too early to ask about Monday?

Mr. MacEachen: I hope that early in the day tomorrow I will have the program for all of next week ready, and I will convey it to my hon. friend.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.