

Social Security Policy

I have promised some good news and now I am happy to give it. I would like to make particular reference to point (e) of the motion put forward by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale). It gives me great personal pleasure to assure the hon. member, and indeed the entire country, that the government is not only concerned about sound rehabilitation programs, but is now about to undertake concrete steps aimed at fostering and promoting them. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will read excerpts of a letter dated March 26, 1975, which I received from the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer). Speaking of various rehabilitation activities and government procurement programs already under way in his department, the minister said:

I recognize the positive and valuable rehabilitation work carried out by the sheltered workshops and am prepared to take similar initiatives to ensure that they have every opportunity for obtaining work con-

tracts. To further encourage sheltered workshops to compete for government business I have instructed my officials to undertake a review of our present source lists to ensure that workshops interested in doing work for the government will have an opportunity to do so.

I am very happy to say that the letter I have read came from this side of the House. It is tangible proof of the interest taken by the government in the well-being of our handicapped citizens.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being six o'clock, pursuant to the order made earlier this day, this House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Shameful. You people talked it out.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order made this day.