

When this bill was introduced, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Prime Minister and many other ministers said that Bill C-144, the Canada Water Act, was supposed to be "it" in matters pertaining to jurisdictional control over water pollution. To meet any possible shortcomings, we have introduced several amendments. The members of the committee considering this bill really adopted the arguments of the minister when they said we should not adopt national standards. Actually, the government does not understand what we mean by national standards. At page 64 of report No. 23 of the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, the hon. member for Timmins (Mr. Roy) is reported as having said, in part, the following with respect to this amendment.

I cannot possibly vote for the second part of the amendment because it would be very detrimental to any person or individual who would even unintentionally pollute some of the waters of Canada.

What kind of argument is that? It would be detrimental to any person or individual who pollutes unintentionally, would it? Well, that makes you wonder what this bill is all about. If people are allowed to pollute unintentionally and the government will do nothing about it, I suggest it will be very easy for people to find excuses. A person will only have to say, "I did not mean to pollute; I did it unintentionally. The substance just slipped through that pipe and went into the river or lake." What kind of argument is that? Surely, the government can use better arguments than that. I think that is a good quitting point, Mr. Speaker. May I call it five o'clock?

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

#### SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Taxation—White paper on reform—changes suggested by vice-chairman of committee; the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Criminal Code—Abortion—introduction of emergency legislation.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed in today's Order Paper, namely, private bills.

### Private Bills PRIVATE BILLS

#### AGRICULTURE

##### MEASURE TO INCORPORATE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

The House resumed from Thursday, May 7, consideration of the motion of Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia) that Bill S-22, to incorporate national farmers union, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The House will now proceed to consideration of Notices of Motions (Papers).

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, partly as a means of indicating that I am back in my place, may I indicate that I shall move motion No. 203, in the name of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent)?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

#### SCIENCE COUNCIL

##### REQUEST FOR COPY OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CHAIRMAN

**Mr. Knowles, Winnipeg North Centre (for Mr. Broadbent)** moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the November 4, 1968 letter by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Chairman of the Science Council of Canada as mentioned in the Third Annual Report of the Science Council.

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) is not here to tell us why this motion ought to be carried. I wish to state to the House that when it was originally called, the Parliamentary Secretary