

*Volunteer Firemen*

**Mr. Evans:** Mr. Speaker, I certainly agree with your interpretation that Private Members' Hour is between five and six. That being the case it does not really give the Hon. Member the opportunity to fully debate the subject she has put before us today. We would certainly be willing to call it six o'clock and move to the Adjournment Debate, on the understanding that this Private Members' Business would have to go back into the rotation of business to be called before the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** This might be feasible providing there was unanimous consent. However, the House might wish to agree to the subject matter of the Hon. Member's Bill being protected on the list. Is this what the Parliamentary Secretary had in mind?

**Mr. Evans:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** At this point there seems to be difficulty in reaching an agreement. I suggest we stay with the practice and the rule within the Private Members' Business period today and—

**Mr. Lambert:** Highly unfair.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** It is fair because it has been the practice.

**Miss Campbell:** I am sorry there was not consent to allow this to go to another Private Members' day and retain its place in the rotation. I understand the Opposition said no.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Miss Campbell:** Then who said no, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Epp:** John Evans.

**Some Hon. Members:** Your own Member.

**Miss Campbell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before wasting any more time on that, I do not plan to speak—

**Mr. Shields:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Order, please. We are already on a point of order. The House is fairly active this afternoon. May I ask Hon. Members to try to determine how we are going to resolve this.

**Mr. Shields:** Mr. Speaker, the question was that we proceed to the Adjournment Debate and allow the Hon. Member her full 60 minutes tomorrow, protecting her position on the list. I think there was general agreement. That may have been misunderstood across the way. We on this side agreed to that.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** With all due respect, this point has already been decided. I asked if there was consent and there was not. The Hon. Member does not have to come back with the same point which has already been resolved.

**Mr. Evans:** Mr. Speaker, the reason we cannot guarantee at this time that the Hon. Member's Bill would come up tomorrow is that we do not know whether she will be available to debate her Bill tomorrow. If the Hon. Member is in the rotation and we can leave it to the normal channels to have it determined as to when she is available to debate her Bill, that is fine. That is what I think the Hon. Member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields) was saying. We would be prepared to leave the Hon. Member's Bill in the normal rotation, on the understanding that it is not essential that it be done tomorrow; that it be negotiated, as it always is, having regard to the availability of Members on both sides of the House to debate the issue.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Is there unanimous consent on the proposal by the Parliamentary Secretary?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Then we shall call it six o'clock and proceed now to the Adjournment Debate.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

NATIONAL REVENUE—REGISTERED CHARITIES—  
DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION—CHURCHES' OPPOSITION TO  
DIVORCE LEGISLATION

**Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, at times even I am amazed at what can happen in this House, and this is one of those times. When everything seems to be going in the opposite direction, suddenly by some great stroke of luck everyone starts agreeing again.

The point I want to raise relates to a question I asked in the House respecting the operations of Revenue Canada. Members are aware of the difficulty Revenue Canada has in its dealings with Canadians; its arbitrary measures, its use of garnishee orders. But the point I want to concentrate on today is as onerous as anything which has been brought before this House in the last month.

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In order for members of organizations such as churches to get a receipt for the purpose of tax deductions in the amount of donations made, there is a 20 per cent maximum limit on the amount of income which can be receipted. There has always been a debate as to what is a legitimate activity of a church, which is a registered charity. Over these last years there has been an arbitrary approach, by which the Department of National Revenue says that a church can only be involved in activities which are exclusively "for charitable