

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING  
QUOTA ON CANADIAN EMIGRATION

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. My question has to do, not with immigration but with emigration. In the recent talks in Washington last week with the minister's counterparts, was any formal protest made by the Canadian government to the United States government over the quota system imposed by the United States authorities last July which, in effect, through a quota on immigrants from the western hemisphere, militates also against prospective Canadian emigrés to the United States?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we had a long discussion with the United States authorities and the two governments are establishing a committee to examine the best means of improving the situation.

**Mr. Nowlan:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that the question period expired some minutes ago. I did allow the hon. member a supplementary, and I tried previously to allow as many members as possible to participate in the question period. This is why I did not permit supplementaries that might have been allowed in other circumstances. Under the circumstances I would think that supplementaries might be asked again tomorrow. I will again attempt tomorrow to give priority to hon. members who did not have the opportunity of being recognized today.

• (3:10 p.m.)

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, may I invite the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) to outline in some detail the business of the house for the rest of this month and next month. Could he also give some indication of whether the government is to give some effect to the suggestion of the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie), which was that the report of the chief adjudicator, Mr. Martin, be referred to the appropriate standing committee of the house.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is the government's intention to proceed with government order No. 99. How long that is to be proceeded with will depend of course on how long the hon. member and his colleagues, to use the words of the *Globe and Mail*, maintain the filibuster they have begun. As for the suggestion of the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie), we have concluded that it will not be particularly helpful to make that reference at this time.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, since the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) has said that the government intends to proceed with item 99 on the order paper, does that mean that it is calling the government motion and that it will not proceed with the motion that is in the name of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Blair)?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I stand corrected. For once the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) is right. Item No. 99 was stood and we shall be proceeding with item No. 100.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION**MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT  
OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed, from Wednesday, July 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization, presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (p. 10963).

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I indicated in the early part of my remarks yesterday that many of us feel available evidence points to the fact that the government has deliberately set out on a course of downgrading parliament and wishes to institute in this country what in effect will be a presidential system of government similar to that of France or the United States. I will support my contention by giving examples in a positive and not in the negative way as is the usual course followed in discussions like this.

One indication that the government seeks to downgrade parliament is to be seen in the enormous increase in the number of assistant secretaries in the Privy Council office and on