

member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme), has raised the point that any responsible government or executive of the day can literally do just about anything it wants, provided it has the approval of Parliament and provided it is prepared to run the risk of an electoral defeat.

Let me refer again to Mr. St. Laurent—and I am sure the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale) knows what I have in mind. Mr. St. Laurent rose during a debate and picked up the Bible. This action was recounted during the pipeline debate. He quoted from the Bible and pointed out that there are certain things the Romans did not do. He said of government in power that in spite of the right it has to do certain things, there are

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certain things it should not do. One of the things the government should not do is violate the laws of Parliament.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** In accordance with Standing Order 26(13), the Chair is satisfied that the debate is over. I declare the motion carried.

At 2:30 a.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.