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number of Canadians in this category who have been left out in the cold, so to speak, and I commend them to the government for its consideration.

I also wish to speak of certain people who, because of certain physical characteristics or handicaps, are not able to be fully or adequately employed. I expect many members ran into this situation when campaigning in their ridings. If I had had time I should have dealt at length with the plight of these people.

Also, if I had had time, I should have wished to talk about our young people who, because of special disabilities, need special training. I know that \$40,000 is being allocated in these estimates to the Canadian Association for Retarded Children. If I had had time to question the minister I imagine I would have been told of the ways in which, through the media of hospitals and other institutions, the federal government is helping disabled or handicapped people to become useful members of society. I urge the government to consider ways and means of helping our disabled people make their way through society.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. The time being five o'clock it is my duty to rise, report progress and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Chairman, before the committee rises, may I make one or two more comments?

The Deputy Chairman: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Lundrigan: I wanted to ask the minister whether he would consider, through his department, assisting with respect to the construction of the hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland. I hope the matter of the hospital receives the minister's consideration.

My last point is—and I do not wish to abuse the privilege extended to me—that I hope the minister's estimates pass the committee. So far as I know there are no major objections to them. We have made our points, and we wish the minister well in the consideration of his estimates.

Progress reported.

● (5:00 p.m.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

informing this house that the Senate has passed the following bills to which the concurrence of this house is desired: Bill S-4, An Act respecting the marking of articles containing precious metals; Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Customs Act; Bill S-6, An Act respecting The Canada Trust Company; Bill S-7, An Act respecting The Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation.

It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members business as listed on today's order paper, namely public and private bills.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker, I have standing in my name on the order paper item No. 9, Bill No. C-16, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act (students' franchise) and I understand there may be a disposition on the part of the house to go ahead with that bill today.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it agreed that orders Nos. 1 to 8 shall stand, by unanimous consent, at the request of the government?

Mr. Knowles: Agreed.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE EXERCISE OF FRANCHISE BY STUDENTS**

Mr. Grant Deachman (Vancouver Quadra) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-16 to amend the Canada Elections Act (students' franchise).

He said: The little bill which I am presenting to the house today asks for a very simple amendment to the elections act for the purpose of seeing that university students entering university at the time of the issue of a writ of election are not in the situation in which students were put in 1965, when many thousands of them moving from their homes to other constituencies where they would be residents in universities found themselves disfranchised. At the time the election writ was issued on September 8 many Canadian students—and I am thinking particularly of students in small communities—were moving to university cities and university constituencies. If they were not in residence and registered at the university at the time of the issue