

er. The important point I wish to make is that the guidelines and the bill presented by the hon. member for Peace River are complementary; they both deal with the same subject.

As hon. members are aware, last year as soon as the guidelines were prepared and introduced in the House of Commons they were referred to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments. Because this committee had been newly established it did not have time to pay any attention to this particular reference. It is our hope that the statutory instruments committee, having now made three or four reports to the House of Commons, will be able to schedule its work in such a way as to deal with this vitally important subject.

I should now like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen):

That Bill C-225 be withdrawn, the order discharged from the order paper and that the subject matter of Bill C-225 be referred to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

Then if that motion should carry I would also move—seconded by the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen):

That the Guidelines for Motions for the Production of Papers tabled this day by the President of the Privy Council be referred to the said committee; and that a message be sent to the other place to inform Their Honours of this decision.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is it the pleasure of the House that Bill C-225 be withdrawn, the order discharged from the order paper and that the subject matter of Bill C-225 be referred to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Order discharged and bill withdrawn.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is there unanimous consent that we adopt the second motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Reid:** Madam Speaker, in view of the time perhaps I could call it six o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** I now leave the chair until eight o'clock tonight.

At 5.50 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

#### Members' Salaries

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, THE SALARIES ACT AND THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ACT

##### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Sharp that Bill C-44, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I see that as the member for Lotbinière, I am in the House at eight o'clock, but that there are no reporters in the gallery at this time.

**An hon. Member:** Mr. Speaker, there is one.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, as I was saying before it was called five o'clock, the bill before us provides for increases in salaries and allowances and each time such an increase is proposed for the members, it gives rise to more or less scathing discussions among the people throughout the country.

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Because of this, reporters have an extremely important role to play, and I note that since I became a member, that is since 1968, they have seldom played it when it was necessary to underline, for the sake of public opinion, the important role of the public servant who is a member.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that as a Créditiste, I cannot accept the economic system protected by the Grits or the Tories. It is also obvious that I believe in a basic economic and social doctrine. It is also obvious that on both sides of the House we are not working towards the same ends nor are we taking the same means to solve some problems. That is for sure. That is why the House of Commons is called the democratic House. Now according to reporters, we have a one-way democracy, what the Tories or the Grits say but never what the Créditistes say.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I find it revolting to have to justify a salary increase when we should rather justify the presence of reporters in the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, I was also saying before supper that we have basic beliefs. I was elected to represent the Lotbinière constituency which was created following a readjustment of electoral boundaries imposed by commissioners who are not responsible to anyone and consult us only when electoral boundaries have been finalized. However, on that occasion the Minister was the victim of his own system. He gave us a constituency to win, that is Lotbinière. I therefore ran as a candidate and I was elected, fortunately, although my wife may not agree on that particular point.

Eventually, Mr. Speaker, people realized there was a huge difference between their former MP and the new creditist member of parliament they had just elected, who is not on the government side, and is a member from a third party. But when that representative got on the move