

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule II as amended agreed to.

On clause 1—*Short title.*

Mr. Gray: I presume that this clause will also be amended in a similar way.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Is the committee agreed on the amendment to clause 1?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the third time? By leave, now?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Turner moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, the business before the house tomorrow will be as follows: the post office resolution; the emergency gold mining bill; item no. 9 on the order paper regarding the interprovincial and international teleferries; item no. 24 on the order paper regarding the Government Employees Compensation Act; item no. 29 regarding the C.N.R. financing bill; item no. 39 regarding the Judges Act; item no. 40, the reference of the regulation of the Bank Act to the committee; and the amendment to the Criminal Code respecting capital punishment.

• (10:00 p.m.)

Mr. Fulton: Will the minister say if these items are not concluded tomorrow the same order will prevail on Wednesday?

Mr. MacEachen: Not necessarily the same order in the following days, but the same batch.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

[The Assistant Deputy Chairman.]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS—CONSIDERATION OF MOTION FOR INQUIRY INTO CAR INSURANCE

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, it may seem at first, that my few remarks at this time are a continuation of the representations which we have been trying to make earlier this evening with regard to consumer affairs. However, this is not the case. Some days ago on orders of the day I asked a question relative to car insurance and to the need, in my opinion, for an investigation of that industry at the federal level. My question was not answered at that time, so I hope this evening I will be allowed a few minutes to underline what seems to me to be an important question, and try to get an answer to it.

We know, Mr. Speaker, that car insurance is mainly the responsibility of provincial administrations. However, in recent times the federal government or various departments of it have concerned themselves with traffic safety, and in my view car insurance forms a very important part of that subject. In so far as traffic safety is concerned it is known that a number of private members, including myself, had proposals on the order paper in the form of bills or resolutions dealing with various aspects of motor vehicle standards and car safety, which is basically another sphere of provincial interest. We were successful in having all these bills and resolutions referred to the committee on justice and legal affairs. This committee concerned itself with traffic safety, our bills and resolutions, and brought in a report which in large measure was subsequently adopted by the government. The Department of Transport is now implementing some of the recommendations in that report.

It is my opinion that car insurance is an integral part of the over-all national or federal picture with regard to traffic safety. I say that because we have 150,000 traffic casualties a year, including 5,000 fatalities, which amounts to 100 per week. We spend approximately \$1 billion a year, or at least that is the economic toll of highway traffic injuries. Of this \$1 billion, car insurance represents something like \$600 million. This is the amount which Canadians spend trying to defend themselves against the casualties of the road. In my view, Mr. Speaker, anything that affects so many Canadians, whether motorists or pedestrians, in every area of Canada is a matter which could well merit investigation. This is particularly true when we consider that of the approximately \$600