

and tomorrow he would be in a position to make a statement then. I did not list these items but it seemed to me they were items that should be dealt with under item 1.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I wonder whether, on this specific item the hon. member has in mind, we could deal with it when we are considering the appropriate item, allowing us to carry item 1?

I do not think there is anything I expect to discuss with my colleagues between now and the time one might reasonably expect to carry these estimates.

**Mr. Howard:** I have no objection to allowing item 1 to carry if the minister gives us his assurance that I can raise this matter of safety at sea and on the St. Lawrence Seaway during our consideration of his estimates.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I am quite prepared to make a statement about safety in shipping at any time, but it is rather lengthy.

I think this item can properly be raised on the first item connected with marine services.

**Mr. Howard:** Perhaps I could call it ten o'clock and follow up with respect to these shipping matters tomorrow.

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Chairman, we would be quite willing to pass Item 1, but we put a few questions to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) and we would like to have an answer. Amongst others, the minister has not replied to the question about the airport at Bagotville, nor to the question on winter navigation on the Saguenay and the St. Lawrence.

I believe those are the two main questions which we would like to have answered.

[English]

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If the hon. gentleman is agreeable and we can carry item 1 at this time, I will be glad to answer questions raised concerning railway and air services.

• (10:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that it is now ten o'clock I am going to address my remarks in the form of a question to the Minister of Public Works in his role as government house leader. I would ask the minister whether he would hold off the estimates of the Department of Transport until the end of all the estimates, in view of the fact that it is quite obvious to me that the Minister of Transport is determined not to allow his estimates to go through.

*Supply—Transport*

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Starr:** I think we should consider the estimates of other ministers who will be more co-operative and willing to have their estimates passed. This is a suggestion that the government house leader should take under serious consideration overnight.

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** We object to this. As item 1 of the Department of Transport is now before the house, we feel it would be better to complete consideration of the estimates of that department.

Now, I find that the minister has been most obliging in rising to answer every question asked, and the Conservatives generally object to this—if the ministers do not answer, they complain, if the ministers do answer, they still complain. I think the house should carry on with the consideration of the Department of Transport's estimates. Personally, I have always obtained answers to the questions put to the minister. I think the minister can supply the answers and the house should continue with this department in spite of the suggestion made by the Conservative house leader.

[English]

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall vote 1 carry?

**Some hon. Members:** Carried.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Starr:** No, Mr. Chairman; I call it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Chairman, I was wondering whether we could not have the assurance that the answers to any of the questions we have asked on item 1 would be given on one of the other items? With that assurance we might agree to pass item 1, but nothing more, tonight.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I would certainly give the assurance in the most unqualified manner that any question I have not dealt with tonight and which any hon. member wants answered—

**Mr. Knowles:** The minister might even complete the indexing job he has been doing respecting the debate of the last five days.