

*Judges Act*

**Mr. Boulanger:** You had better go to Ste. Anne de Beauré if you have hurt your voice.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That sounded interesting but I did not hear what my hon. friend said.

**Mr. Boulanger:** I said you will have to go to Ste. Anne de Beauré.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I seem to be standing alone here today, Madam Speaker, but I was not alone on the vote on Bill C-44; there were 25 of us that opposed the bill. This shows that some members of the House have some conscience and are sensitive about this issue.

In regard to increases for people at the top, I say that the issue is not how long it is since they had their last increase. It is not whether they need it or that they should preserve their place in the pecking order. The issue is whether it is fair to the Canadian people to give them an increase in view of today's state of the economy, and I say it is not. I say that we did wrong, that we committed an outrage in passing Bill C-44. I say that we were wrong in raising the salaries of those in the other place and of cabinet ministers. I say the same thing in regard to judges and lieutenant-governors.

From this place, Parliament Hill, where we speak to and for the people of Canada, there should be a conscientiousness in what we do, and we should have an eye to the effect of what we do on the economy as a whole. It is for these reasons, Madam Speaker, that I opposed Bill C-44, and it is for these reasons that I oppose this bill as vigorously as I can.

I go along with all those who have argued about the importance of the judiciary, that they should be independent and so on. But to suggest that we will get impartial judges and good members of parliament simply by paying higher salaries I think misses the point altogether. I still hope that from this place, from this Parliament Hill, the voice of reason will be heard, and if there is to be the preaching of restraint to the Canadian people as a whole, which we will probably get on the night of June 23, I suggest that right here is the place where the practising of that restraint should begin.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** No. On division.

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

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills, private bills.

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Notice of motion No. 2, the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 15, the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. O'Sullivan). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 19, the hon. member for Laprairie (Mr. Watson). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 20, the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 34, the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 37, the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Roche). Shall the motion stand?

**Mr. Sharp:** At the request of the government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Stand at the request of the government.

Motion No. 39, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).

## OLD AGE SECURITY ACT—CANADA PENSION PLAN

## SUGGESTED REDUCTION IN AGE ELIGIBILITY AND INCREASE IN PENSIONS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give immediate consideration to the advisability of amending the Old Age Security Act and the Canada Pension Plan to provide for the pensions payable under these two acts to be available at age 60 to all persons who meet the other requirements of the said acts and who are not in or are prepared to withdraw from the labour market, and also to provide for the basic amount of the pension payable under the Old Age Security Act, at age 60 for those not in the labour market and to everyone at age 65, to be increased to \$200 per month, for this basic amount to be escalated each year by an amount that will enable pensioners not only to keep up with rising living costs but to share in