

Business of the House

Mr. Speaker: Order. I cannot listen to two hon. members at the same time. I think I should continue to listen to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Pickersgill: As I was saying when I was interrupted, the hon. member for Kamloops resumed his seat, having completed his speech.

Mr. Fulton: No.

Mr. Pickersgill: He was then asked a question by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and he rose to reply. He had already completed his speech and I should not think he would then have the opportunity to make a second speech.

Mr. Fulton: On a question of privilege—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps I could explain to the Secretary of State—

Mr. Knowles: He is new around here.

Mr. Speaker:—that when the hon. member for Kamloops resumed his seat it was because it was ten o'clock, and he moved the adjournment of the debate.

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: Oh yes, he did. Just as I was about to put that motion the hon. member for Peace River rose and said that he was speaking to the motion of the hon. member for Kamloops to adjourn the debate. He made a suggestion concerning the business of the house, the routine as to this debate, and it had to do with giving the Secretary of State for External Affairs, by unanimous consent, a chance to reply now. With that the Leader of the Opposition indicated that he could not agree. Since there is not unanimous consent, does the Secretary of State for External Affairs wish to say a word on the suggestion that was made?

Mr. Pearson: With respect to the suggestion of the hon. member for Peace River, I should like to say a word to the effect that some very important questions have been asked of the government today and they should have been answered today if that had been possible. I am very sorry that that has not been possible.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Fulton, seconded by—

Mr. Fulton: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, so that there will be no misunderstanding, I am not absolutely clear in my recollection of this, but I do not think it will

be found in *Hansard* that I said "I move the adjournment of the debate" before the Secretary of State for External Affairs asked me his question. My recollection of the sequence is that as I closed and was about to move the adjournment, the Secretary of State for External Affairs said, "May I ask the hon. gentleman a question?" I said "yes" and resumed my seat to give him that opportunity. After the Secretary of State for External Affairs had completed his question I rose, replied, and then said "I accordingly move the adjournment of the debate". It is a pity that the Secretary of State does not listen more closely before he raises these puerile points of order.

Mr. Speaker: I stand corrected. In explaining the sequence I forgot the incident of the question having been asked and answered and then the motion to adjourn the debate being moved. May I put the motion now?

On motion of Mr. Fulton the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Harris: Mr. Speaker, it has been agreed that on Monday we will take a motion to go into supply by the Minister of Finance which will not be opposed on the understanding that we do not enter any new departments. The procedure then will be that the Minister of Finance will ask for interim supply and when that has been granted we will take up the supplementary estimates.

Mr. Knowles: Is the minister in a position to give us information as to the business for any further days next week, as he has sometimes done so helpfully, so that we might have a general view of the week?

Mr. Harris: In this particular instance I have no way of judging how long my hon. friends may take on the supplementary estimates. If I had I would be glad to forecast the rest of the week.

Mr. Green: If the supplementary estimates go through before ten o'clock what business will be taken up then?

Mr. Harris: If the supplementary estimates are completed before ten o'clock on Monday we will go on with this debate.

It being six minutes after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.