

sea or the river, without asking the government or the minister what he can do with it, will find that he is living in different conditions than any in which many of us have been raised.

I will conclude, Mr. Speaker. We can look back to wartime and our producers and learn a lesson. I will not bore you with the details, Mr. Speaker, but I think there is a little lesson to be learned here. We are talking about sheep producers and wool producers. In the good old days you could take a sheep to your back. If this bill passes, no longer will we be able to do this without asking the minister or the government.

Mr. Schumacher: It is three minutes to ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker. Would there be a disposition on the part of the House to allow me to call it ten o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): I understand this is not the wish of the House.

Mr. Bell: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if you would formally call this question and we will find out who does not wish to go on with this lovely evening.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it the wish of the House that I call it ten o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Hees: They are filibustering.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I notice that the House Leader is not here. I wonder if the minister would inform the House whether this bill will be carried forward tomorrow for debate.

Mr. Olson: There are about three or four minutes left, and during that period we could pass this legislation.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member's point was not a point of order.

Mr. Hees: Would the minister answer the question?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The point raised by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Muir) was not a point of order.

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Schumacher: May I now call it ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The House is not willing to call it ten o'clock.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It will be, if we keep on talking.

Mr. Schumacher: Mr. Speaker—

An hon. Member: Don't waste the time of the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. It is now ten o'clock.

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—STUDY OF BASE CONSOLIDATION—EXAMINATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, last Friday I put a question to the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Cadieux) with respect to studies now being undertaken by his department in respect of base redundancy. I also asked the minister about the possibility of his allowing representations to be made by interested members of the public and various interested organizations to a committee of the House prior to the final decision being made on the closure of various bases.

In his reply the minister indicated that he believed his decision in respect of the future of Canadian forces bases was solely and entirely the prerogative of the executive. The implication was that he saw no need for such public representations. I will readily concede that in the end the executive must make the decision and take the consequences. To be frank, I do not envy the minister. However, implicit in his reply was the minister's assumption that he was under no obligation to consult with the people affected, prior to making his decision.

May I say parenthetically that I was pleased to hear his undertaking to offer considerable advance notice to civic governments and to the workers affected. Nevertheless, he was not willing to admit the necessity of prior consultation with affected groups. It would seem to me that in a situation where