

Social Security

my hon. friend first moved this resolution, in 1946, I had the privilege of participating in the debate, and I should like to recall the stand I took at that time.

Mr. Argue: Did you talk out the motion at that time, too?

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): If my hon. friend would be fair he would recognize what has been done by the government or what is in the process of being done. Does he know that on February 1, 2 and 3 there was a conference in Toronto the purpose of which was to co-ordinate and integrate the various services actually in existence at municipal, provincial and federal levels for the relief of the handicapped? Not much has been said about that this afternoon, but this is a start in a matter where the primary responsibility rests with the provincial authorities. It is not by an act of this parliament that such a project can be launched with chances of success. I believe the conference that took place last month will do more to meet what is intended by this resolution than any resolution that could be passed this afternoon. No relief can be given distressed people in this category except in co-operation with the province. The federal Department of Labour

have done what they could within their own sphere, as I mentioned a few moments ago. Other things can be done; and the department, in co-operation with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of National Health and Welfare, can surely work out a formula which can be implemented in co-operation with the other authorities in such a way as to largely meet the views of the mover of this resolution.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Beaudoin): Order. I must inform the hon. member that it is six o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Question.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow we will continue the consideration of Bill No. 77, respecting the department of defence production; Bill No. 5, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935; the resolution in the name of the Minister of Finance respecting the Foreign Exchange Control Act; and Bill No. 79, respecting Indians.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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