

Motions to Adjourn

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I will make a further inquiry in this regard. It may well be that additional information may be secured by Friday and this, among other questions, may be answered by special agreement of the House on Friday.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I wonder if the house leader would inform me as to when I might expect an answer to question No. 163. Eight months even for a Liberal government, seems a long time to answer a question. I was assured I would have the answer before the end of the session. Is that correct?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Perhaps I could take this occasion, the first since the hon. member has been declared a candidate for the leadership of his party, to welcome him in that capacity.

My information is that the list of firms is ready. However, statistical data on these firms has not yet been obtained from DBS. I hope that before much longer in his campaign we may have the answer for him.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house leader if the government intends to answer all the questions on the Order Paper for which statistical data are available, before the end of the session? I ask this in view of the fact that there are questions on the Order Paper under my name for which the information, I understand, is now available? Will these questions be answered before the end of the session?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I will have specific consultations with the hon. gentleman, Mr. Speaker. We will certainly make every effort to answer all the questions for which information has come to hand by next Friday.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

**MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER
S.O. 26**

BROADCASTING

ISSUANCE OF LICENCES TO TÉLÉMÉDIA

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 26, I move the adjournment of the House to discuss a specific, important and urgent matter.

[Mr. Skoberg.]

This specific and urgent matter is the decision of the CRTC to issue a great number of radio and television broadcasting licences to Télémédia under circumstances and for considerations which, as admitted by the CRTC itself, are absolutely inconsistent, in addition to the concentration problems involved.

The urgency arises from the impending adjournment of this part of the session and from the 60-day delay allowed the governor in council to rescind that CRTC decision. Besides, my request is seconded by the chairman of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Matane filed the notice provided for in Standing Order 26, which has given me the opportunity to take the request into consideration.

Hon. members will readily admit that the problem raised by the hon. member for Matane (Mr. De Bané) is one of real importance and general interest. It also has an aspect of urgency since the House will probably recess very shortly.

However, does this justify adjourning today's proceedings in order to study the matter brought up by the hon. member? It is questionable.

May I suggest to hon. members that the decisions taken by commissions while carrying out their normal functions should not constitute matters for urgent discussions. Even under the circumstances which seem to cause the hon. member some concern, it would seem to me difficult to justify the adjournment of our proceedings to allow interested members to express their views. I would point out to the House that if the CRTC decision was only made public recently, the problem itself has been discussed and commented, even in a controversial manner for several months, so that hon. members have had many occasions to express their views and present arguments for and against the project in question.

Under the circumstances, I must decide that the hon. member's motion cannot be put today.

[English]

DRUGS

**RELEASE OF LE DAIN COMMISSION REPORT—
NEED FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon.