

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Many reports affecting government departments and operations are being brought down by consulting firms and not being made available to members of this house. We should see those reports if we are to do an intelligent job in making suggestions to the government. I submit it is not our democratic way of government to refuse hon. members access to such information.

In this year's budget the government has allocated about \$397 million, compared with \$329 million last year, for professional and special services, which no doubt would include consultants' services. Clearly, we are to spend more on consultants this year. We are well aware that the consulting field in this country is dominated by United States personnel and management techniques. The Glassco commission suggested that when the government employs consulting firms it ought to make sure that, wherever possible, Canadian consulting firms are employed. I was pleased to hear the minister say that an advisory committee would look into the use of the services bureau. That is a step in the right direction, and there will be little opposition to that from this corner of the house.

The Chairman: Order, please. The time being five o'clock shall I rise, report progress and request leave to sit again later this day?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.
Progress reported.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The hon. member for Kamloops-Cariboo (Mr. Marchand)—Television—Kamloops, British Columbia—Request for alternate service; the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Income Tax—Deduction for babysitting service; the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath)—Fisheries—Seals—Report alleging fraudulent film presentation of killing methods.

The time being five o'clock the house will now proceed to consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), public bills.

[Mr. Skoberg.]

PRIVATE BILLS

LONDON AND MIDLAND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The house resumed, from Thursday, January 16, consideration in committee of Bill C-101, respecting London and Midland General Insurance Company—Mr. Lind—Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose on Thursday, January 16, clause 1 of the bill was under consideration.

On clause 1—*Change of name.*

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, someone asked me the other day what the disposition of the bill concerning London and Midland General Insurance Company would be. I suggested there was an easy solution to the problem that has confronted that company in the past and may confront it in years to come, a solution that is within the purview of the sponsor of the bill. I wish to know whether he has conveyed certain information to the Avco Company or to Mr. H. P. Paterno, president of London and Midland General Insurance Company. A number of hon. members oppose the change of name, being of the opinion that the company will be United States owned and that Canadians will not have the opportunity of controlling it should they so desire.

● (5:00 p.m.)

We have gone into the reason advanced for the change before, and I disagree entirely. As I have indicated on previous occasions, I disagree with the contention of the sponsor of the bill that the company has lost money and wants to change its name because it is similar to that of a British insurance company. I indicated that the business of this company is increasing under the name of London and Midland General Insurance Company. I believe the reason is that the Avco Delta Corporation of the United States and Great Britain wishes to set up a company under their own name. This is a legitimate situation. If this is the reason, this company and other companies should give consideration to the national aspirations of Canadians who wish to own their own corporations and financial institutions.

The sponsor of this bill, if he has not already done so, should suggest to the president of the London and Midland General Insurance Company that this bill will have