

industry can expand and whether there is a potential market. In fact, about the only study which was done was by the former provincial administration in Manitoba. That administration did a study on glass-making potential and the Canadian market. I thought we had an abundant supply of silica sand. In doing more research on this I found that we import much of the silica sand we use.

I am the first to concede that some of that silica sand is needed because of the chemical formation in the glass-making process and in foundry processing, but the point is that Canadians today import one million tons of silica sand for glass-making purposes per year.

The area about which I am speaking is an area where there are native Canadians and Metis residents, and chronic unemployment has been part of the economic pattern of that region. These people have held rights to that island for as long as nine years and have paid claim fees for those nine years in the hope that they would be able to develop a glass-making industry, minimally at least. They would like to quarry the sand and have someone else start a glass-making industry so that they can market that sand. However, what has happened? We cannot even get a study out of the department.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the late show, I wonder if the Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) could tell us what the program is for tomorrow.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will deal with the motion in the name of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the motion to appoint a special joint committee to study the proposals related to the constitution of Canada. We hope there will be a short debate. Then we will resume debate on the EDC bill, Bill C-36, because the report stage and third reading of that bill must be completed before the summer adjournment.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, so that hon. members will know what is happening tomorrow, I give notice that we shall be moving an amendment to that motion to provide that it be a special committee of the House of Commons only.

Mr. Alexander: What is the matter with the Senate?

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Mr. Pinard: I understand, even if the hon. member moves an amendment, that the debate will be very short just the same, and that we can resume debate on Bill C-36 for the reasons I mentioned before. We have to complete all stages of Bill C-36 before the summer adjournment.

Adjournment Debate

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

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

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—CELEBRATION OF CANADA WEEK

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Mr. Speaker, during the question period on June 14 last I put questions to the minister responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation about the holding of a press conference on June 13 last announcing the programming for the Canada festivities. Naturally, the cameramen and reporters of the Crown corporation were there but I deplored their invisibility and their silence on the evening news program. So I asked the minister to inquire of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation because Canadians are proud of their commemoration day. Since parliament has set aside modest amounts for the organization of Festival Canada it seems to me that the Crown corporation which receives \$487 million from Canadians should cover all the events relating to the national day of Canadians.

My concern, Mr. Speaker, is based on a situation which I deplored two years ago when I informed the president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—and I have here the contents of the correspondence—when I informed him on July 6 last that the CBC had not mentioned at all on any of its news programs the commemoration day of Canadians. That was in July 1976. I received an answer from the president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and the letter was signed by Dennis Thompson, who recognized that the Crown corporation had not mentioned Canada Day on any of its news programs, citing the reason as being a matter of budget, Mr. Speaker. Because of the restriction period we were going through, CBC commentators had just left out the ceremonies, the activities here on Parliament Hill when the Prime Minister of Canada was giving out certificates of citizenship. They left that day out entirely.

It is because of this attitude and my own experience that I emphasized the importance of these activities to the minister. Not that I am opposed to the coverage we had last week, because I am proud of this. As a French Canadian, I took part in the festivities of June 24. Mr. Speaker, I believe that you took part yourself in many activities in Valleyfield and I believe also that the right hon. Prime Minister of Canada attended festivities in Vankleek Hill to celebrate the day of French Canadians on June 24, along with 15,000 other people.

I want to congratulate the public corporation for having covered these events. However, I am concerned about its silence on the activities of Canada Day, which is the day of national unity. I believe I speak for many Canadians who