

*Adjournment Motion*

all added up, it made no sense at all. The Government has now straightened out the mess.

I would also advise people to be careful where the tax on alcoholic beverages is concerned. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have some experience in this field. It would be very dangerous for the moral health of Canadians to decontrol completely the sale of alcoholic beverages. We got rid of that situation in 1900. We are not going to revert to a procedure or a system for the sale of alcoholic beverages that had proved to be disastrous when it was abolished in 1900. Please understand that a certain amount of regulation in the sale of alcoholic beverages is necessary, and when I hear people bragging about breaking the law to serve illicit alcohol, well, I get very angry, because it is very dangerous, and it is a dangerous precedent, whether we are talking about beer, wine or pure alcohol or spirits.

Mr. Speaker, these are the points I wanted to clear up somewhat since I felt they had been overlooked.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Mr. Speaker, in reply to my friend the Hon. Member for LaSalle (Mr. Lanthier), whom I hold in high esteem, I suggest that his attitude toward the Government's action seems to me to be somewhat on the defensive, and understandably so. He clearly disregards the fact that in my remarks I criticized the policy of the Federal Government. The reason I spoke French is that I represent a bilingual riding and that I am an elected representative for the whole of Canada. He should not exclude Quebec from Canada, even though some of his supporters might work for the Parti Québécois during the forthcoming provincial election, I do not know. But what I deplore both at the federal and provincial levels, Mr. Speaker, is that there are two major parties in Alberta, British Columbia and in Canada, and even in Quebec there are two parties, the Liberals and the P.Q., which are leaning to the right and not paying attention to ordinary people. They disregard their problems, just as the Federal Government does. That is something the Minister chooses to ignore.

The Minister blamed me for forgetting the minimum tax. It is very difficult to forget something that does not exist. No specific step has been taken by the Government in this direction. One could read in last weekend's newspapers that the Government is considering ending this session in December and beginning a new one in February with a Speech from the Throne, instead of trying to solve the problems of unemployment, regional inequalities, as well as those concerning women and young people. We have a long list of problems to be solved, including the minimum tax, Mr. Speaker. But I should like to remind the Parliamentary Secretary that the Minister has failed so far to introduced a bill calling for a minimum tax, and it seems that this Conservative Government will do everything in its power not to levy such a minimum tax.

● (1650)

[*English*]

**Mr. Johnson:** Mr. Speaker, I am certainly glad that constituents in the riding of the Hon. Member for LaSalle (Mr. Lanthier) had the opportunity to watch the proceedings of this Chamber. I wish that I could say that all of my constituents have the same opportunity. I say that because I want to refer to a comment made by the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) when referring to my remarks this morning. He said that he was glad to know that I said that I did not agree with all that was in Bill C-80. The people in my riding do not want to watch the proceedings of the House to make sure that I will always speak the truth when I rise. If there is something in a Government Bill with which I do not agree I will not be ashamed to say it. They expect no less of me than that.

However, I want to take some exception to the fact that the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre can get up in this Chamber, where the laws of the land are made, and proudly boast about the fact that he broke the laws of this country. I resent that and I believe it would be remiss of me if I did not rise to make that point.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Mr. Speaker, with an unjust law, there are times when one is compelled to—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Cassidy:** I hope the Hon. Member will recognize that my violation of the law was perhaps a bit light-hearted but also designed in order to prove a point that there was an unjust law. While it was not as unjust as some laws that exist in this country and certainly many others, it should have been changed. In fact, it was the pressure which came from CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale in Canada, which I supported, that helped persuade the Government that it was time that that unjust law be changed.

I hope that some of the other unjust laws in our country which discriminate against women, young people and poor people will also be changed by the Government.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The period for questions and comments has now expired.

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## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon.