

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Mr. Starr: What is the business for tomorrow?

thought consideration should be given to single recipients of old age pensions when two or more are living in the same home. I think they should be entitled to at least \$15 or \$20 a month more than married couples because the recipient of a single pension has to pay the same rent, the same taxes, the same insurance and the same hydro and fuel bills.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Chairman, we would certainly be concerned if any unfair advantage were taken of an old age security recipient because of any increase. This would really be a matter of concern to us and I will consider overnight, although I am doubtful, if there is any way we can help in this regard. In the bill we have established a standard for single persons which in its application we think is beneficial to the single person and to the married couple, but I think this could be better dealt with on a later clause.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Churchill: On a point of order, I do not think it should be incumbent upon members of the house to have to draw the Chairman's attention to the clock. We have done it now six times. There is a rule which should be followed and if members call it ten o'clock the rule should be enforced.

The Deputy Chairman: May I say to hon. members that I have not yet heard the words "ten o'clock".

Mr. Knowles: I said them in both languages.

The Deputy Chairman: May I request the hon. member, or any other hon. member, to say it a little louder.

[Translation]

Mr. Knowles: Ten o'clock.

[English]

Mr. Pickersgill: Since everyone is in such good humour, could we not sit a little longer?

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I do not know if the committee has heard me. Shall I rise, report progress, and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles: Is somebody going to ask about tomorrow?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think, that the government would wish to go on with the bill we are now considering in committee, which I hope will be finished fairly quickly so that we can get on with my bill as I have been waiting all week to bring it before the committee. But I should add one word of caution. It may be necessary for my hon. friend, the government house leader, who is otherwise occupied at the moment, to consult with certain hon. gentlemen opposite in case there has to be some rearrangement of the business.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

[Translation]

IMMIGRATION—COMMUNICATION WITH QUEBEC GOVERNMENT RESPECTING FRENCH NATIONALS

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday I put the following question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration;

Before the minister left for Paris, did he himself or his officials have any consultations with representatives of the Quebec government on the Canadian policy with regard to French immigration?

The seven minutes which I am allowed tonight will enable me to make a few comments and bring forward certain suggestions.

According to section 95 of the Canadian constitution, the central government and the provinces have a concurrent responsibility in the field of immigration, which means that two levels of government can legislate and make regulations. Section 95 also stipulates that the central government has precedence, since all provincial laws or regulations must follow directives from Ottawa in this field.

These constitutional provisions therefore enable the provinces to legislate in the field of immigration and presuppose—because of the concurrent responsibility and the balance which must be respected in any federative system—consultations, agreements and communication of information between the central government and the provinces interested in immigration. To this date, we know that the provinces of Quebec and Ontario have set up a provincial immigration service and that the Quebec government over the past few years has been preparing to create a provincial department of immigration.