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these various governments with some awareness of the social problems of today and with some awareness of the tremendous things which have to be done in a broad economic sense. I am sure the tax structure committee will do very useful work, but I should like to suggest that there is much more to be done and, as I suggested earlier, this will be the theme of my remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I think it was demonstrated very clearly by the hon. member for Edmonton West that this bill does not do anything for the provinces. It gives them no increased power in the administrative field. It gives them no more flexibility in financial control. It does not give them any chance to allow for priorities, and certainly it gives them no chance to utilize new principles which are needed in respect of share cost programs.

There is a real case to be made for share cost programs in a federal state. The purpose of federal programs, in respect of which the federal government should move into provincial fields on a co-operative basis on certain occasions, is a good one. If we are to maintain strong federalism in Canada there must be a strong central government. There must be strong provincial governments able to carry out their functions. Because of the difference in fiscal powers, we must accept the principle of equalization and we must accept the principle of special grants to carry out certain programs. This can be done on a formula basis or it could be done on special bases. I think we must in addition accept the principle that with the growing weight of de-

mand for certain services in Canada, provincial abilities must be expanded in order that they can carry out these services with their own money; but this must be done gradually. We must never as representatives of the people of all Canada allow the federal government's power, to do what it must in the national interest to be diminished below a safety level.

Mr. Speaker, I would call it six o'clock.

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**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house leader what the business of the house will be tomorrow?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, we will not be dealing with government business tomorrow, on the understanding that it is the desire of hon. members to deal with the motion which appears on today's order paper, to resume the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the 15th report of the special committee on procedure and organization be concurred in. That motion will be preceded with tomorrow.

**Mr. Nowlan:** At the conclusion of that business will we then proceed with the bill that is now before the house?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes, subject to the suggestion that if the time available is limited we may call the Companies Act legislation.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Yes.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.