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the majority deciding against the minority. Therefore, so as not to have this motion become a nullity, so we can reach a decision on it, I move seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That the motion be amended by deleting therefrom the words "four o'clock p.m." and by substituting therefor the words "five thirty o'clock p.m.".

In presenting that amendment may I repeat what I said a moment ago. I admit that it is only a half hour this side of the normal time of adjournment, but it is a gesture that calls for that half hour and further time this evening to be spent in discussing this issue rather than meeting in a head-on collision. I hope the house will accept my amendment, and then accept the motion as amended.

• (3:50 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett), has moved:

That the motion be amended by deleting therefrom the words "4 o'clock p.m." and by substituting therefor the words "5.30 o'clock p.m.".

Again I am not expressing an opinion as to whether the motion is in order, but I think hon. members would want me to put the amendment at this time. Therefore I will now proceed to put the amendment. The house has heard the amendment. All those in favour of the amendment to the motion—

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising to speak to the amendment?

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I heard correctly but I presume you have agreed that the amendment to the motion is in order?

Mr. McIlraith: No; His Honour specifically said he had not.

Mr. Speaker: I am prepared to put the amendment now, with the reservation that I am not too sure whether I could put the amendment to the motion if the debate on the amendment goes beyond four o'clock. We would then be getting into the realm of procedural "never-ever", and I am not sure what would happen at that point. We are close to four o'clock, and if the hon. member did not want to speak to the amendment we might escape this position if I put the question now. All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Knowles, Winnipeg North Centre), which was negatived on the following division:

• (4:00 p.m.)

Horner

Howe

Korchinski

Allmand

Anderson

Andras

Howard (Skeena)

Knowles (Winnipeg

North Centre)

YEAS

Messrs:

Lambert (Bellechasse) Alexander Laprise La Salle Alkenbrack Asselin Lewis MacEwan Baldwin MacInnis Barnett MacInnis (Mrs.) Beaudoin MacLean Bell Bigg Macquarrie McCleave Brewin Broadbent McCutcheon McGrath Burton Cadieu (Meadow Lake) Mather Caouette Mazankowski Monteith Coates Code Moore Comeau Moores Muir (Cape Breton-Crouse Danforth The Sydneys) Nesbitt. Dinsdale Noble Dionne Douglas (Nanaimo-Nowlan Cowichan-The Nystrom Islands) Paproski Downey Peddle Fairweather Peters Ricard Flemming Forrestall Ritchie Fortin Rodrigue Gauthier Rynard Gilbert. Saltsman Schumacher Gleave Godin Scott Simpson Grills Gundlock Skoberg Stanfield Harding Stewart (Marquette) Harkness Hees Tétrault

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Thomas (Moncton)

Thompson

Woolliams

Yewchuk-83.

Winch

Messrs:
Barrett

Barrett Basford Béchard