

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay)—Administration of Justice—Dealing with grievances of RCMP officers; the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Wright)—Post Office—Deplorable mail conditions in Calgary—Steps to improve; the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police—Alleged supply of weapons and explosives to native community in B.C.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers) and public bills.

There being no items on the order paper under the heading private bills, the House will proceed to notices of motions (papers).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Motion No. 19 in the name of the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon). Shall the motion stand?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

SPECIAL INDEX FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West) moved:

That an order of the House do issue for a copy of a report on a special index for senior citizens prepared by the Treasury Board.

Mr. Daudlin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I do not want to pre-empt the hon. member from proceeding with his speech. I am sure there are matters he will in fact want to discuss. I just want all members of this House, and particularly the hon. member, to have the information which is available to me now.

Contrary to the answer given by myself in this House, I think some two weeks past, I think we have now been able to identify the report the hon. member has been seeking, and we are in a position to put that report forward. I want the hon. member to have that information before he makes his comments.

An hon. Member: Withdraw. Let's call it six o'clock.

Index for Senior Citizens

Mr. Daudlin: In the event that there is consent on all sides, I would have the document put forward.

Mr. Benjamin: In the first place, Mr. Speaker, that was not a point of order the hon. member raised, in my opinion. I knew earlier this day that the document we had asked for had been found. My hon. friend, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), asked for it last December 10. For the sake of the record I would like to give the House a little resumé of occurrences since December 10. As recorded at page 2186 of *Hansard*, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre said, and I quote—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. Just to be clear, the parliamentary secretary did rise on a point of order and, if I heard him correctly, I thought I heard him seeking unanimous consent in some manner which would have delayed the debate on this particular motion. I understand that in fact the hon. member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) is refusing unanimous consent and that private members' hour will proceed normally. Does the Chair understand the procedure we are following?

Mr. Knowles: He wants to speak to his motion.

Mr. Benjamin: Exactly.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Precisely. The hon. member now wishes to speak to his motion, so unanimous consent has been denied, and we will proceed in that manner.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I did not even do that. I did not deny unanimous consent. I got up to speak to my motion. I did not hear the hon. member say he wanted to table anything.

May I continue with my motion for the production of papers, which have not yet been produced officially?

Mr. Daudlin: Mr. Speaker, I regret that my hon. friend did not understand or hear what it was I wanted to put forward. It is quite correct that the Chair heard me seeking unanimous consent to table a document which I understood was the document the hon. member was seeking. If he prefers not to give his consent or to delay that consent, so be it; but I do not want him to labour under the misapprehension that I was not seeking consent so to table.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The parliamentary secretary seeks unanimous consent to table the document to which he has referred. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Benjamin: Table it, fine.

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, what I think my colleague, the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Daudlin), is getting at is that it has now been determined that the said document is available, and he is prepared to table it, which makes the debate for the next hour unnecessary.