

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member may be aware that there was recently an amendment to the law which provided that a first offence for possession of marijuana could be dealt with by summary proceeding rather than by indictment. As for extending this principle to deal with any offence of this nature in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, I imagine that this subject will be very pertinent to the study now being undertaken by those conducting the drug inquiry which has been instituted. This inquiry has been asked to let us have a report in approximately six months time.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Is it the intention of the minister to introduce legislation this fall with regard to changing—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Perhaps that question might be asked when we resume the session.

**CANADA SHIPPING ACT****REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH DEBATE ON AMENDING MEASURE**

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I understand there have been discussions among those involved in the work of the Transport and Communications Committee with respect to government order 65, the bill to amend the Canada Shipping Act. There is some urgency in this matter. I understand that the hon. member for Comox-Alberni is prepared to withdraw the amendment which appears in his name on the notice paper, and that there is general agreement that all stages of this bill would be completed at this sitting without debate or amendment. If my statement of that matter is correct, perhaps an order to that effect can be made, and we could call order No. 65 before returning to the debate on the procedure motion.

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** That is correct as far as I am concerned, Mr. Speaker. I operate on the premise that half a good loaf is better than no loaf at all.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there agreement to the proposition that has been advanced by the President of the Privy Council?

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to agree. I think this is an example of what can be accomplished through agreement and consultation.

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the kind of subject matter now before us I see no reason that there should be any agreement on anything.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no unanimous consent.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, would the President of the Privy Council give in some detail the business of the house for the balance of this month?

• (3:10 p.m.)

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** I hope we may be finished before the end of the month but I will consider making a statement not only in respect of this month but in respect of the following month as well.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Hees:** What about September?

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** In view of the fact that the Committee on Procedure and Organization may be sitting again to consider those parts of standing order 43 to which Your Honour has referred, would the leader of the house give every assurance that he will not attempt to interfere with the ability of that committee to report honestly to the house, and not treat the chairman like a puppet?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION****MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, July 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization, presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (p. 10963).

[Translation]

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, when we interrupted the business of the house last night at ten o'clock, I was saying that we, of the Ralliement créditiste, were not opposed to the adoption of orders