As for the amendment, Mr. Speaker, you will note that it calls on the committee to pay particular attention to the subject matter of the clauses having to do with non-contributing pensions. It also refers the subject matter of the whole bill, and since the whole bill includes appointments it seems to me that the member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett), if there is any time left, has just as much right to speak on that now as she will have when we come back to it next week or next year.

Miss Jewett: I refer you to the speech of the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The President of the Privy Council is rising on the same point of order.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) did not, in fact, refute the argument I put forward with regard to the dilatory nature of the amendment; I do not hold it against him: he is exercising his privilege.

Now, I want to point out to the House the fact that the hon. member who was scheduled to take the floor on motion for consideration of private members' business at four o'clock is unable to attend. The opposition parties have been advised accordingly and with their agreement we could pursue the debate on Bill C-34 until five o'clock. We would then have a good indication of whether or not the NDP really have any dilatory intentions.

May I offer them, at this point, to sit until five o'clock to study Bill C-34, seeing it is impossible for hon. members to proceed with consideration of private members' business?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. minister has suggested that the House pursue consideration of Bill C-34 until five o'clock. Is there unanimous consent?

• (1600)

[*English*]

Mr. Knowles: I am sure the President of the Privy Council would be surprised if I agreed. He knows I do not agree. It is four o'clock.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: As it is four o'clock, Mr. Speaker, and as I have explained the absence of the hon. member who was supposed to introduce motion No. 20, it would be very difficult to proceed with another motion on the order paper. We tried to contact at least 15 members at the last minute to replace the one who was to have moved motion No. 20, and it was impossible to find someone who was willing to do so. In all fairness to those who would like to take part in the debate, I believe that it is now quite impossible to use this hour for the usual purpose.

In view of the circumstances, and also of the refusal on the part of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre to proceed further with consideration of Bill C-34 today, I am forced to ask for the adjournment of the House. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) has moved that the House do now adjourn. Is the motion of the hon. minister agreed to?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until Monday next at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 4.03 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.