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of Labour the right to continue to do work of that kind. The minister continued by saying that the humanitarian purpose behind this legislation would appeal to all members of this house because it would bring new hope and encouragement to many of our less fortunate citizens. I think that is an exaggerated statement. This legislation will confirm the hope which already exists among every member of this house in all parties, because the provisions which make such hope possible are now the law of the land. Of course, this resolution deserves support for the reason mentioned by the minister in the middle part of his speech but not for the reasons he gave at the beginning of his speech. Everybody in this house wants to support the disabled.

Incidentally, no reference is made here to disability pensions and none has so far been made during this debate. Disability pensions provide financial assistance for over 60,000 disabled people in this country. That is not covered by this resolution. That will not be covered by the bill. That is already part of the law of the land.

I hope the minister will not think that on my first day after returning from an illness I have been unappreciative of the attitude of my colleagues in this house toward me,

but I hope both he and they will recognize that in the analysis I have sought to make of this problem I have simply reconfirmed our belief in the desirability of doing something to help the disabled people of this country. But I have also done my duty in calling attention to the proper perspective which can provide a background to our discussion of this measure.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Starr thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-84, respecting the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons and the co-ordination of rehabilitation services.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McMillan: May I ask the leader of the house if there is any change in our business contemplated in the next two days?

Mr. Churchill: No change. We shall carry on with estimates tomorrow and Friday, taking the departments of the post office, northern affairs and justice in that order.

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