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haphazardly without that type of consideration tend to eliminate the proper time which will be allotted for the departments that the members of parliament and the parties agree should be considered more important than others?

Mr. McIlraith: No, Mr. Speaker, it does not create that difficulty. The house leaders have already started to discuss the method of computing the exact numbers of hours in the 30 day period with a view of trying to apportion the time equitably among the different types of supply items which are included in the 30 day limitation period.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Scott (Danforth): There is no consent.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, do you not think the N.D.P.'s could have their caucus outside the House of Commons?

VETERANS AFFAIRS**CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Beauharnois-Salaberry) moved:

That the second report of the standing committee on veterans affairs, presented to the house on Friday, May 6, 1966, be concurred in.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to say just one word. It is obvious that the veterans affairs committee has found a way of dealing with the problem of the lack of a quorum.

Mr. Herridge: I rise on a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the house that the standing committee on veterans affairs has the highest attendance record of any committee in this house, as the members arrive within 15 minutes of the time set for the meetings.

Mr. Starr: It is quite obvious now, Mr. Speaker, that the caucus should have been held before the members came to the house.

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENT REQUIRING JUDGE AND JURY
TO ATTEND EXECUTIONS**

Mr. Milton L. Klein (Cartier) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-179, to amend the Criminal Code (attendance at execution).

[Mr. Peters.]

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Klein: Article 645 of the Criminal Code lists the individuals, such as the sheriff and prison doctor, who shall be present as witnesses to the execution of a person who has been condemned to death on a charge of capital murder. The object of this bill is to add to this list the presiding judge and all the jurors at the trial.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**AMENDMENT PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE
PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER**

Mr. Milton L. Klein (Cartier) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-180, to amend the Criminal Code (punishment for murder).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Klein: Under the present provisions of the Criminal Code the death penalty is mandatory in the case of capital murder. The object of this bill is to allow the judge the discretion to impose either the death penalty or the alternative of imprisonment for life.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FINANCE**POSSIBLE U.S. TAX ON TOURISTS—REQUEST
FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance, and ask him whether communications are now taking place between the United States administration and Canada with reference to threatened action on the part of the United States to bring in restrictions against tourists from the United States, thereby adding still further to the \$1.5 billion payments deficit.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, so far as I am aware there have been no further developments in this matter since I made my report to the house last week.

Mr. Diefenbaker: In the past week have there been any communications with Washington taking strong objection to this projected action?

Mr. Sharp: The Leader of the Opposition is saying the United States intends to take this action. I know of no such intention.