

**Mr. Cullen:** I do not want to misquote the hon. member, of course.

**Mr. Lewis:** I regretted that we had to do it.

**Mr. Cullen:** I am sorry. I suggest that the hon. member gave the impression that we had made an error in this regard, and that the world court was in fact up to date on technical matters. I submit that this is an entirely new area, something with which the world court is not competent to deal. In going to Brussels and attending other meetings of nations, Canada was quite correct in stating that we must do something about old ships that are crossing the oceans, that they should have more steel in their hulls and be equipped with protective devices and additional pumping facilities so that if they are wrecked it will be easy to pump out oil and control pollution. However, shipping nations and shipowners saw fit not to accept this suggestion. We have tried to negotiate but other countries have not listened. Consequently, we have said to them, "If you won't do it, we'll do it, and do it unilaterally".

My main reason for speaking at this time, Mr. Speaker, is to tell the House that this is not a new matter. Canada has had an interest in the Arctic for years. This kind of legislation and the sort of action we are taking as far as our armed forces are concerned is long overdue. I salute the government for having the guts to take this step. To those who have any doubt about how the Prime Minister feels about this question I would recommend the speech he recently made in Toronto. Rather than misquote him or pick out just a few points from his speech, I would recommend that hon. members read the entire speech, one which was so good that the press gave him a standing ovation. That itself speaks loud and clear for the position that has been taken by the leader of this party.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to my hon. friend?

**Mr. Cullen:** Yes.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** If, as the hon. member says, it is correct that we should reserve and not submit to the international court our position with respect to the 100 nautical miles of pollution control, would he agree that it should be equally valid for us to exclude the 12-mile territorial sea limit from the jurisdiction of the international court, inasmuch as this is more important in terms of sovereignty?

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**Mr. Cullen:** With the greatest respect, Mr. Speaker, I feel that because so many countries have adopted the 12-mile limit, and since this is an area which is within the jurisdiction and competence of the world court, that court should deal with this question. I have little or no fear that they would also find in favour of Canada's position with respect to the 12-mile limit.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order at this time, may I say that pursuant to an arrangement that has been reached I propose to move a motion to adjourn this debate. Before doing so I should like to set out the foundation for the motion. It is understood that this debate will be now adjourned and that the House will move on to Bill C-203. After introduction of that bill by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp), that debate will be adjourned and the House will call it four o'clock. These two bills will then come back to the House on Wednesday.

Unless the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald), after meditation and prayer—something I would recommend to this government—has changed his mind, this is the understanding. If that is so, I accordingly move, seconded by the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse):

That this debate be now adjourned.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, would the House leader for the official opposition say whether it is also understood that when we come back to Bill C-202 on Wednesday we will proceed straight to a vote—that there is no intention of continuing this debate on Wednesday?

**Mr. Baldwin:** That had been my understanding, Mr. Speaker. There were a number of volunteers from the other side, and unless the volunteers continue we are perfectly prepared to have a vote on Wednesday; if necessary, a recorded vote.

**Mr. Lewis:** We agree.

**Mr. Forest:** Mr. Speaker, I believe that is the agreement, and we will vote on Wednesday next.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In any event, there is a motion before the House, moved by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin). In view of the fact that the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) has already spoken, perhaps the hon. member would agree to let the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Gundlock) second the motion.