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motion was moved by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), and its purpose was set out by the hon. member as recorded at page 11316 of *Hansard*. The motion, accepted by the Chair on that occasion for debate, read as follows:

That the house adjourn this day at four o'clock p.m.

That was the motion moved at that time. I will be moving a motion similar in kind. The precedents and reason for moving my motion were set out very clearly by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre on that occasion. I will not take the time of the house to requote those precedents.

However I wish to quote again Standing Order 42(1) so there will be no misunderstanding as to the motion I am about to move, and I will set out the reasons why this motion should be entertained and put to the house to be debated. I quote:

Forty-eight hours' notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a bill, resolution or address, for the appointment of any committee, or for placing a question on the Order Paper; but this rule shall not apply to bills after their introduction, or to private bills, or to the times of meeting or adjournment of the House.

Those are the important words, "adjournment of the house". I continue:

Such notice shall be laid on the Table before six o'clock p.m. or before five o'clock p.m. on a Friday, and be printed in the *Votes and Proceedings* of that day.

I would now like to quote from Beauchesne's fourth edition, *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, page 40, citation 51:

No notice is required for a motion relating to "the times of meeting or adjournment of the House." (S.O. 45). The word "times" is translated by "heures" in the French version of S.O. 41. It seems therefore that if a motion does not relate to the hour but to the day on which the House is to sit, a notice must be given. See decision given by Speaker Rhodes on May 21st, 1920.

• (3:10 p.m.)

When the House intends to sit later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday or Friday, or later than 10 o'clock on other days, a motion may be made during the sitting, and without notice having been previously given, "that the House do not adjourn at 6 (or 10) o'clock today." The reason why no notice is required is that Standing Order 41 which provides—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member will allow me to interrupt him. He is discussing the point of order prior to the motion which he proposes to make is before the house. I would think it is difficult for a member to discuss whether or not a motion is in order when the Chair does not

even know what the motion is going to be. I suggest to the hon. member he should put his motion and if opposition is taken to it from a procedural standpoint then he can argue that point; but he does not even know whether or not objection will be raised to it. It may be that hon. members with enthusiasm will accept his motion. I think he should put his motion and then, if necessary, we will consider the arguments he is now expressing for the guidance of the Chair.

Mr. Woolliams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe my anticipation was greater than it should have been.

I move:

That the house adjourn this day at 4 o'clock p.m.

I now submit copies of the motion in English and in French.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member is that this house adjourn at four o'clock. As hon. members know, when a similar motion was proposed some days ago by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) I indicated that I had some reservations about it. I do not feel that I am bound by the fact that it was put at that time. The matter is one of interest to all hon. members.

If there is no objection to the motion then the Chair could put it with the same reservations as expressed at the previous sitting. However, I see that the hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) seems to want to rise on a point of order. Perhaps he might be allowed to do so and then we could consider the point of order of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to state my objection. I do not know whether you want me to argue the point of order or whether you want to hear the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) first.

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure whether the President of the Privy Council wants to argue in favour or against the motion. Perhaps he might be allowed to state his point of order and if it is in opposition to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North we might hear arguments on the point of order thereafter.

Mr. Baldwin: Maybe he wants to amend it to 3.30.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make it perfectly clear that I