

*Interim Supply*

Act will be before this house on second reading—and I hope before the committee on national defence for consideration—when there will be every opportunity to discuss in detail this matter and give it the kind of consideration it deserves and which I submit it has been receiving for the last two years.

**Mr. Winkler:** Mr. Chairman, I have one very brief question. When may we expect the resolution in respect of the old age security pensions?

**Mr. Pearson:** I think we will be able to do this early next week. I do not wish to deceive my hon. friend about times and dates. I know how much importance there is to be attached to that resolution. It is a complicated and difficult matter and we want to handle it in the proper manner. The resolution ought to be on the order paper next week.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Chairman, it is ten o'clock.

[*English*]

**Mr. Lambert:** Mr. Chairman, it is now two minutes to ten, and I should like to say first that I for one did not appreciate some of the humour the Prime Minister endeavoured to interject into this debate.

**Mr. Pearson:** You should cultivate a sense of humour.

**Mr. Lambert:** I should also like to tell him that in his attempt to gloss over the number of meetings of the defence committee from time to time he has done a grave injustice to the house, because what he has said is not in accordance with the facts concerning the deliberations of the committee. I say to him first that defence policy—

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Chairman, I thought I was going to be asked to answer a question.

**Mr. Lambert:** I was not asking a question. I have taken the floor.

**An hon. Member:** Ten o'clock.

**Mr. Lambert:** There are many statements in the Prime Minister's speech which cannot go unchallenged. I should like to make it quite clear that he has created a false impression with regard to the work of the committee on national defence. I have been vice chairman of that committee ever since its inception. Long before many of the members were in this house the present Minister of National

[*Mr. Pearson.*]

Defence discussed defence policy in the estimates committee and in other special committees that were set up for that purpose.

**Mr. Hellyer:** You never let me.

**Mr. Lambert:** The minister discussed it within his limited ability at the time.

**Mr. Hellyer:** History, not policy.

**Mr. Lambert:** That is fine; the minister can leave the chamber now.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Grégoire:** It is ten o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

[*English*]

**The Chairman:** Order. Will the hon. gentleman sit down, please? Is the hon. gentleman rising on a question of privilege or on a point of order?

• (10:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Grégoire:** I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Starr:** It is ten o'clock.

**Mr. Monteith:** The Prime Minister called it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Chairman, the Prime Minister called it ten o'clock and I think we should observe the rules.

Progress reported.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****MOTION TO EXTEND SITTING HOURS**

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to standing order 6, subclause 2, I move:

That this house continue to sit this day until 12 o'clock p.m.

**Mr. Monteith:** The Prime Minister called it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Pearson:** I did not.

**Mr. Lambert:** It has been called ten o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members heard the motion which has been moved by the Minister of Public Works, that this house continue sitting this day until 12 o'clock p.m. Hon. members know the terms of this standing order and that any hon. member of this house can object if he wishes to do so.

**Some hon. Members:** Object.