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House. There will be two votes tonight on the issue before the House and, provided the government survives them, other amendments may be moved tomorrow that would normally be voted on on Friday. The leader of the House may feel that hon. members might like the weekend in which to reflect and contemplate on their positions with regard to those votes. There has been some suggestion that any vote which normally would be taken under the Standing Orders on Friday might well be taken at a quarter to ten Monday evening.

Also, would the government House leader indicate what business the government intends to call after the Speech from the Throne debate has been concluded on Tuesday of next week?

• (1520)

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am glad my hon. friend has realized there is no doubt about survival and is asking me to indicate government business following the vote. I would hope that on the first day we would call the bill in respect of fiscal payments, followed by the bill to amend the British North America Act with regard to readjustment of representation, followed by the CNR bill and the bill to amend the Explosives Act, which will be carried by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Mr. Baldwin: He is explosive enough.

Mr. MacEachen: With regard to the holding of any votes on amendments which might be moved tomorrow or later, it would be agreeable to the government, if the House agrees, that all questions be put at 9.30 p.m. on Monday next, that the votes be held after the regular time for the ringing of the bells and that votes normally to be held on Friday would be deferred until that time. If that is agreeable, it could be made a House order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): This is agreeable to us, and perhaps it could be made a House order right now so it will be clear.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

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CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed, from Tuesday, February 22, consideration of the motion of Mr. Ross Whicher for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Stanfield (p. 34), and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Caouette (p. 117).

[Mr. Baldwin.]

[Translation]

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, yesterday when the House adjourned I was asking the government to implement the policies embodied in the Speech from the Throne or, if you like, to implement the policy statements contained in the speech.

It is not our statements that count, but our actions present and future. They can alter the economy or correct what is wrong. That is what we shall do. We will eliminate the abuses we are aware of in our capitalist system.

If our two ethnic groups were antagonists, the future of Canada would be dreary, but if we can find grounds for agreement, the chances for peace and progress will be improved since, whatever our ethnic origins, we are faced with the same needs and pursue the same objectives.

Every citizen wants his share of the benefits of progress and of the economy as a whole.

To this end, let us set out together on the march of the coming sixteen months. We may take different roads, but they all lead to the same goal. Canadians have been waiting a long time and they witness what we are doing.

Mr. Speaker, what type of economy will we be passing on to our descendants? Will we have sufficient will-power to build up a well balanced economy? Will we have the courage to place all our institutions at the service of members of society? That is what the Speech from the Throne advocates. Will we have the necessary drive to organize the economy so as to eliminate disparities once and for all, to do away with a part of the federal and provincial debts which are strangling our citizens? Mr. Speaker, will we have the courage to call for adoption of regulations required to achieve the opposite of taxes and levies, which is a guaranteed income for all?

(1530)

Will we have the courage to enforce the rules that are required if all that is physically possible is to become, once and for all, financially so?

Today, we are far from those realities.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the excitement and the promise of modern technological achievements become hollow and mocking to the citizens who find in society little understanding of their hopes and little provision for their needs.

We must remove the impression of isolation which so often surrounds men and women, depriving them of their sense of responsibility, of accomplishment, of fulfilment, and removing from them their identity as individuals. We must, Mr. Speaker, remove the barriers that create isolation, permit each Canadian to detect his own responsibilities.

We in this place have a special responsibility to help bring these goals and those hopes within reach, to husband our resources and share them justly among this generation and those to follow so that our society will believe in the dignity of every single individual.

Those are the objectives we will be asked to study during this new session. Economic security is one of the most effective forces with which to counter social isola-