

medical doctor and have been assured with respect to their degree of consanguinity. There should be no problem with respect to children. Also, the couple wish to be married in their church, and the church is prepared to grant any necessary dispensation. I therefore ask the House to grant second reading and refer this bill to the appropriate standing committee.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders.

**Mr. Caccia:** Madam Speaker, perhaps hon. members would consent to calling it six o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is it agreed that we call it six o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** The House having called it six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock.

At 5.20 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. Sharp:** I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. There have been discussions amongst the House leaders. Agreement has been reached that whatever subject is under discussion at 1 p.m. tomorrow the debate be adjourned thereon; that at 2 p.m. the debate be resumed on Bill C-63, and that all questions necessary to dispose of the report stage and third reading of that bill be taken not later than 4 p.m.

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

**Mr. McKinley:** Madam Speaker, in some degree I agree with the government House leader. However, I thought agreement had been reached that the divisions be taken on report stage of Bill C-63 prior to 1 p.m.

**Mr. Sharp:** Madam Speaker, I really had considered that the House leader of the Opposition had informed me that the debate on the report stage would be continued in the afternoon. He had some doubt as to whether there would be debate on third reading. He did indicate to me that he expected there would be a debate on the report stage. I think the order I have suggested is in accordance with the understanding of the House leader of the official opposition.

#### *Petro-Canada Act*

**Mr. McKinley:** Madam Speaker, I wonder if this House order could be left over and made at a later time after we have had a chance to confer.

**Mr. Sharp:** May I ask the acting House leader for the official opposition whether he is referring to Bill C-63 or the Excise Tax Act?

**Mr. McKinley:** Bill C-63.

**Mr. Sharp:** I think I have expressed the understanding correctly, but I am quite happy with the suggestion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of the opposition front bench, I agree to the decision being made later.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### PETRO-CANADA ACT

#### MEASURE TO ESTABLISH CROWN CORPORATION

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) that Bill C-8, to establish a national petroleum company, be read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Alan Martin (Scarborough West):** Madam Speaker, at five o'clock I was at the point of completing my comments relating to the comparison of the origins of Petro-Canada with those of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission much earlier in this century.

We must bear in mind that this particular move by the Tories in Ontario was made at a time when there was little precedent for government participation in the business sector in any form whatsoever. In the case of Petro-Canada the most that the federal government is seeking is participation on a competitive basis with the private sector that, I think we all agree, to date has done a commendable job in the initial period of our oil and gas industry in this country, a period that covers some 30 years since the Leduc discovery.

Let me return to the matter of need as I see it being applied in the case of the establishment of Petro-Canada. First and foremost, and as emphasized by the minister over and over again in the course of our many discussions on Bill C-8, the situation in the area of oil and gas faced by Canada today is quite dissimilar from that as recently as two years ago.

I remind the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), who is not in the chamber at the present time, of the events that transpired during this two year period. First, we experienced the oil embargo that came about without warning and originated with the OPEC countries. We moved from there to the quickly phased-in increase in prices of crude oil imported from these same OPEC countries that resulted in a 400 per cent cost increase for oil imported into that portion of our country that lies in eastern Canada east of the Ottawa Valley line.