

*Oral Questions*

his right, can then change the Orders of the Day and go to another Bill. I think it is an interesting point for the Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** On the same point of order?

**Mr. Deans:** No, no.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me simply say to the Hon. Member that in fact what happened at two o'clock is exactly what normally happens when we break at one o'clock. We may come back at three o'clock and the speech may be resumed. The Chair has previously seen a speech interrupted at one o'clock and the matter changed at three o'clock. I, therefore, see no question of privilege or point of order in this matter.

**Mr. Tobin:** One last point, Mr. Speaker, please?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) wishes to speak on the same point?

**Mr. Tobin:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I can be assured, since I am only at the beginning of my speech, that I will be giving notice when Bill C-75 is called again and it will not be done when I am away from Parliament.

**Some Hon. Members:** We hope so.

**Mr. Tobin:** I would find that—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member has the same right as every other Hon. Member to notice and the same right to come to the House.

**Mr. Althouse:** It will be on the Order Paper.

**Mr. Friesen:** Point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry, the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) indicated a point of order first.

**Mr. Deans:** Mr. Speaker, my point is with regard to the House Business. I wonder if I could get an understanding now that on those Bills which are reported back to the House, the requirement for notice of the filing of amendments would be waived and that we would agree by unanimous consent that amendments could be filed without adequate notice? For example, if Bill C-96 is called tomorrow there is not sufficient time for us to file an amendment or, perhaps, two which we intended to file.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I think the Standing Orders speak for themselves in that regard. The reason I mentioned that is because I thought we would continue to have discussions this afternoon with respect to the Business of the House, if there is some matter we can discuss. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, I have always attempted to accommodate Hon.

Members with respect to reasonable requests. I simply put the back-up Bill as Bill C-96 on the basis that it would be agreeable to the House. I can call something else, if it is not.

**Mr. Deans:** Thank you.

**Mr. Friesen:** Mr. Speaker, I understand the rights of an Hon. Member to continue his speech after it has been interrupted by Question Period. However, I recall very clearly hearing the Chair call Orders of the Day after which it recognized the Government House Leader. I noted at that time that the Hon. Member for Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) was not in his place and came walking in while the Government House Leader was making his remarks on a point of order. So I would respectfully suggest that he has lost his position in the speaking order.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Tobin:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Creativity runs rampant today. Let me simply say to the Hon. Member that the Chair had never recognized an Hon. Member on debate. The Chair had called Orders of the Day, then heard a point of order immediately. At that point no other Hon. Member had been called. In the Chair's view, on Bill C-75, the Hon. Member for Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe still has the floor.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Good try.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Benjamin:** I rise on the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, raised by the Hon. Member from Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin). Under the rules, would it not be required, unless there is unanimous agreement, that when that Bill is to be called again, the Hon. Member will know about it on the Order Paper, or else there will have had to be unanimous agreement to change the order of Business?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member is asking the Chair to judge in advance of the calling of a Bill whether it is in order to call it. No Chair could do that.

Does the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) have a separate point of order?

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. Members know that the schedule of the House is entirely at the disposal of the Government.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Can I have the floor, Mr. Speaker? Thank you. I want to come back to the original point, that is, Private Members' Hour. Nothing has been decided yet and I want to get some clarification because I have to warn some people in this caucus that they may have to speak tomorrow. For