

Routine Proceedings

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina—Lumsden): Mr. Speaker, my dear colleague stole my stuff. I just wanted to add that of the 96 members of Parliament first elected in 1968, only about six and a half of us survived. I warn all hon. members about the mortality rate around here. There is no such thing as a cinch except in the saddle.

I want to say also that the hon. member for York Centre is a second offender because he did not serve the whole time. He got knocked off in one election and came back again in the next one. He is a recidivist. However, we include him in our august group. I want to remind the House that this august group will be meeting this evening and the time and place are secret to everybody else.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I of course want to associate myself with the remarks of the hon. member for Algoma and the hon. member for Regina—Lumsden. I also want to echo what they have said. I think it is fair to say that paying tribute to the survivors causes us to reflect on some of the very interesting times that we have had. I think 1968 was indeed a very special year as the hon. member said.

There was a huge majority. The Liberals were in charge. There was a huge majority, so it gave many of us newcomers an opportunity to learn parliamentary procedure at a very relaxed pace.

I think it is fair to say that throughout the 23 years we have all developed a very warm and healthy respect for each other, a very warm friendship. It is also fair to say that each and every member has contributed something significant to his or her own constituency, own region, and to Canada. For that I want to salute them all.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Before I recognize the hon. member for Kootenay West—Revelstoke, all I would like to say is that it is great to be a survivor.

PARLIAMENTARY EMPLOYMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS ACT

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader. Next Tuesday, June 25, marks another anniversary as well. It is the fifth anniversary of the passage by this House of Bill C-45, the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act, and it has still not been proclaimed.

My question to the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader is: Can we expect that Parts II and III, which give effect to the act and extend to House and Senate employees the same health and safety rights enjoyed by all other Canadians, will be proclaimed by that date? If not, by that date? When, after five years?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is not a point of order. It is an extension of Question Period.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, I just want to bring to the attention of the House some points of order. I want to use as my references the Standing Orders and Beauchesne's which I know are legitimate because the House leader of the Official Opposition just used them as references in his point of order, so they must be valid. I refer to Beauchesne's citation 410, Standing Order 37 and to Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice* which all say: "Supplementary questions need no preamble and should flow from minister's questions".

All the supplementary questions today were out of order. I just wish to bring this to the attention of the House management committee. I hope that it will direct—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the hon. member has time, maybe in the next couple of days he could go into the Speaker's chamber and discuss it a little further.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LOWER CHURCHILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I am pleased to table, in both official languages, the annual report of the Lower Churchill Development Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1990.