

*Energy Monitoring Act*

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● (1810)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** I declare the motion carried. Accordingly, this bill stands referred to the Standing Committee on Energy Legislation.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Energy Legislation.

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There is no bill before the House. I do not believe this situation is covered by any particular procedure; it is covered by House agreement. Therefore, I suggest that the House adjourn until eight o'clock and that we take the regular dinner hour, following which we can continue the debate.

As I understand it, the agreement covers only bills before the House. There is no bill before the House under the energy umbrella. Therefore, we should take our regular adjournment until eight o'clock.

[Translation]

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would read the agreement, he would realize that he is entirely mistaken. We have an obligation to sit through dinner time, but in the heat of the debate, it was agreed by the House leaders present that we would be guided by both the letter and the spirit of the agreement, and it was indeed agreed to use the time at our disposal to maximum advantage.

[English]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I think we may be caught by technical circumstances here. Certainly as the government House leader has said, the spirit of the agreement was as he stated it. But my understanding of the House order is, from a technical point of view perhaps, more in accord with the hon. member who raised the question in the first place. Certainly the vote was not called until after six o'clock, nor was it completed until after six o'clock and no energy legislation was before the House at that time.

Without having the House order before me, my recollection of it was that the extended sittings between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. were to apply when energy legislation was before the House. It is a matter in the hands of the Chair, but I think, in the strict interpretation of that House order, the Chair might find itself bound by the technicalities of the situation and be required to adjourn until eight o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** For the benefit of hon. members I might point out that there was a House order on March 22. It set out that if energy legislation was before the House, the House would forgo the six o'clock to eight o'clock adjournment. We have forgone that adjournment now and it is my understanding and my interpretation of the agreement that

we have energy legislation before us and we should proceed with it.

**An hon. Member:** Where is the bill?

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask what energy legislation was before the House at the conclusion of the vote after six o'clock?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, we accept your ruling and we are prepared to proceed. I would also draw the attention of my hon. colleagues to a paragraph in the agreement that says that all parties should endeavour to ensure that the eight bills are disposed of as soon as possible. According to the spirit of the agreement there is certainly no doubt that you are absolutely right in ruling as you did.

[English]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I have no quarrel with what the government House leader says. But I would put the question to the Chair for clarification. What legislation was in fact before the House at the conclusion of the vote after six o'clock?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** I do not believe I said that there was energy legislation before the House after the vote. There was when we cancelled the adjournment at six o'clock. Therefore, it is the understanding of the Chair that we are now sitting until 10.30 p.m. tonight. That is the Chair's understanding and interpretation of the House order. I am in the hands of the House if hon. members want to debate this point, but that is my interpretation.

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● (1820)

**PETROLEUM INCENTIVES PROGRAM ACT**

MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources)** moved that Bill C-104, respecting petroleum incentives and Canadian ownership and control determination and to amend the Foreign Investment Review Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Energy Legislation.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to open debate on this very important piece of legislation, Bill C-104, respecting petroleum incentives and Canadian ownership and control determination and to amend the Foreign Investment Review Act.

One of my hon. friends on the Conservative side this afternoon asked what we would do to help the industry with some of its difficulties. One of the best answers to his question is contained in the bill which is before the House for consideration at the present time. Indeed, it is estimated that once the bill is passed and has received assent by Parliament, it will provide for payments to the oil and gas industry of close to \$1