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even margin. That was never the intent of the Terms of Union, but, as I understand it, that is the present policy of this new, ultra conservative Tory Government.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Mr. Bouchard, for the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski), moved that Bill C-88, an Act to authorize the acquisition of Marine Atlantic Inc. and to provide for other matters in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As a result of the co-operation of all three Parties in dealing with this Bill, and in an effort to move on to legislation on which critics from all three Parties are prepared to move, I suggest you would probably receive the unanimous consent of the House to call it one o'clock. At three o'clock, it is the Government's intention to call Bill C-86 for report stage and third reading.

**Mr. Angus:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I think we are disposed to that suggestion. However, when you referred the Bill to a legislative committee, Sir, I assume that if discussions ensue, we can in fact refer the matter to a Committee of the Whole rather than a legislative committee.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I would imagine that if House Leaders got together and discussed the way they wanted to proceed, the House would agree to that. I do not think I should tell Hon. Members how to proceed. I think the matter should be discussed with the House Leaders.

Is it agreed that we call it one o'clock?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 12.47 p.m. the House took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 21

[Translation]

## SHIPYARDS

## FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR QUEBEC SHIPYARDS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, last Monday the Montreal East Survival Committee met to establish how many jobs we were able to save. Unfortunately, the same day we heard that Versatile Vickers was laying off and had fired 175 workers. In December last year, the Minister of Supply and Services promised representatives of employees at Versatile Vickers that work on the first ship in the Trump program, the *Algonquin*, would be done at the shipyard in Montreal.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, if the Government does not intervene, there will be 650 lay-offs at the Montreal yards. I earnestly hope that Progressive Conservative Members will urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to take action so that Quebec's three shipyards will have work and jobs, not shut-downs.

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[English]

## NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

## SALT II AGREEMENT—CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, Canada has a chance to make up for its abysmal silence on the NATO decision to support the production of new chemical weapons. NATO Foreign Ministers are meeting in Halifax, giving Canada the opportunity to underline our support for arms control. Let us applaud the American decision to scrap two missile carrying submarines to stay within the limits of SALT II.

Let us be just as vocal about our opposition to American threats to abandon SALT II later this year. It would be ironic if deployment of the air-launched Cruise missile, which Canada helped develop, broke SALT II. Canada should make clear that we would no longer allow Cruise missile testing in Canada if the U.S. broke SALT II.

Similarly, Canada should press the U.S. for strict adherence to the ABM Treaty. We should make it clear that we will not take part in SDA 2000 Phase II or allow Canadian territory to be used as a base for any ABM systems. Such strong statements within western councils would demonstrate that Canada expects her allies to match our commitment to arms control.