

*Routine Proceedings*

This report is more than a report this time. In fact the report embodies several resolutions and structural comments that could be helpful to the House of Commons and the Speaker.

It has been determined that there has been a lack of emphasis on the interparliamentary activity in the Pacific Rim. In fact we have only one bilateral organization, which is between Canada and Japan. That is the only official organization despite the fact that the whole geopolitical shift is toward the Pacific and it is imperative that Canada should participate more strongly in that interparliamentary relationship.

Therefore we have suggested in our report that the new organization, which is an umbrella of Parliaments of the Pacific, should in fact become the umbrella, which along with the Canada-Japan Parliamentary Association will encourage the development of more friendship associations, such as Canada-China, Canada-Taiwan and Canada-Korea.

We suggest that we would spawn many friendship organizations under the one umbrella and that umbrella in turn would then help direct delegations to develop those relationships, which are lagging far behind our traditional European experience.

• (1530 )

This report correlates very well with that of the member for Saint-Denis who will make similar suggestions in his bigger report to Parliament through the parliamentary committee structure.

We want to support that and emphasize this. We hope this report will not simply be received but that it will be a matter of study by the Speaker and by committee.

I would like this report referred beyond the House of Commons back through the structure. I would ask that that is done as our recommendations are considered.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Madam Speaker, on a point of order. This is the only way I can add a few comments. I must say that for members who would like to see changes in the Standing Orders that would give them a little more power, this is a prime example where it is not your fault or mine, but the fault of the Standing Orders. I certainly hope we can soon change the Standing Orders so when a document is

tabled with which I am familiar and on which I worked at the request of the Chair—I know exactly what the hon. member wants to tell us—I wish that occasionally, not as notice to parliamentarians but as an indication of what Canada should do, we could take a good look at what these papers say. Unfortunately we cannot under our Standing Orders.

I think members who want more power for parliamentarians should support a request we will be making very shortly. It would make it possible for a number of parliamentarians who are directly involved in drafting such reports to add a few comments and not just sit there listening to what is said by the member tabling the report. In fact, we could say that the media, which are often critical about what we do, should at least read the document. We cannot do this under the Standing Orders but I hope changes will be made to allow that.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Nor do the Standing Orders allow the Chair to listen to long speeches after tabling of reports by interparliamentary delegations, important and interesting though they may be. We will now proceed to presenting reports from committees. The hon. member for Edmonton Southwest.

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**HOUSE MANAGEMENT**

## 66TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton Southwest):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 66th Report of the Standing Committee on House Management on certain parliamentary associations.

I would also like to thank the hon. member for Saint-Denis for his excellent work in connection with this report.

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**BILL C-99**

## REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-99, an act to amend the Small