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and I think they were in a little hurry to get the vote counted. I did not vote the first time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Therefore, the hon. member's vote will be registered with the nays.

Point of order, the hon. member for Port Moody—Coquitlam.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, through you the House might be interested in knowing that the great charter, the Magna Carta, has just been brought to the Diefenbaker law library in Saskatoon for public display. It is just to show, as we have shown today, that things really have not changed much in 900 years.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I think I will voice the frustrations of many of us in this House toward the NDPs tricks and silliness today. The opposition day that the New Democrats would have had today will probably be lost if they do not stop playing games with the Parliament of Canada. I would implore them to be serious and to get to the Orders of the Day. Today an opposition day dealing with environmental matters and we would like to speak about environmental matters.

• (1740)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): A point of order, the hon. member for Kamloops.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, in response to my good friend and hon. colleague, a parliamentarian whom I have respected over the years in terms of his observation as to what is going on today, let us be very clear, we are very concerned about the Magna Carta and the importance that it has been in the history of the western world.

Today this government introduced the bill concerning the 7 per cent goods and services tax. We are sending the government a message on behalf of the people of Canada. The Canadian people do not want this tax to proceed. That is what we are doing.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, while I understand that the Liberals might not like it, I want to make it very clear that they are co-operating with the Conservative government. They are not sending a message against the goods

and services tax today. That is what the Liberal Party of Canada—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Churchill on a point of order.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, I think we all have our serious moments and our light moments in the House. But I do not think that the Whip of the Liberal party can get up and accuse us of stalling the House or not using our legitimate rights.

I remember when his party had a rat pack. They had no qualms whatsoever about jumping on desks, running after ministers and acting in a very inane manner.

The problem the Liberals have today is that same group is unavailable in the House. They are seeking the leadership. So the Liberal Whip is getting up in this House and complaining that the New Democratic Party has stolen the leadership of the House.

He is complaining that we are controlling the House and we are using that control of the House to oppose the government. That is our right. We are happy to do it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will recognize the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier for a short rebuttal and then I will recognize the hon. member for Halifax West.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to rebut anything. I just want to state the facts. They are that today this House has a Standing Order that states: "Projected Order of Business". Members of the NDP had an opposition day granted to them by the rules of this House. They are indeed breaking every rule in the book by playing tricks on this House and they are—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Chair has been very kind.

I would like to recognize the hon. member for Halifax West on a short point of order.

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, I will try to make my statement on this point of order short. I want to assure members of the House the point that I raise is vital to the operation of this House.

There is no more serious responsibility on members of the House of Commons than to cast their votes on vital issues of the day. In registering their vote on any of these issues that are presented to the House of Commons there is a matter of honour involved. Every time a member votes, he votes in the representation of his