

[English]

An hon. member: A point of order.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise—

• (1055)

Mr. Blaikie: A point of order. Did you hear that?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Yes, I did hear that. The hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

Mr. Blaikie: A point of order, Madam Speaker. You have not answered the question of the hon. member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca as to what you were calling the members who have made it clear to you that they said no when you asked the House. Are you calling these members liars?

[Translation]

Madam Deputy Speaker: I would never do anything like that. The point is not whether something was or was not said. I am saying that the Chair quite honestly heard nothing, and the same applies to the officers at the Table. So the case is closed.

[English]

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, I do thank you very much. I am pleased to rise on debate on Bill—

Mr. Barrett: On a point of order. A point of order.

[Translation]

Madam Deputy Speaker: Are we still on the same point of order?

[English]

Mr. Barrett: Madam Speaker, I must be heard and I will ask my question.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I am asking a question of the hon. member. I would like to know if we are now discussing the same point of order which has previously been settled.

Mr. Barrett: Madam Speaker, this is my point of order. If members stand in their place in this Chamber and say that they had said a no that may not have been heard, is

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their word not to be taken that they said no? I want a ruling on that.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The hon. member may want to consider with some of his colleagues changes to our rules. Our rules right now say that if the nos are not heard, the motion is carried. This point of order is now settled and over with. The hon. minister. I will not hear any more.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, I want to before I commence the substance of my speech today to talk about the extensive consultation that has been held—

An hon. member: A point of order, Madam Speaker.

Some hon. members: Point of order. Point of order.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):—prior to the NAFTA negotiations—

An hon. member: You're going mad.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):—that relate to the consultative process that we have had through the international trade advisory committee, the central advisory groups on international trade, the work that we have done with the provinces, with other private sector organizations—

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Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):—consultations which took place right up until the very final stages of the negotiations.

Some hon. members: Order.

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Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): This was followed by committee pre-study during the month of November and into subsequent months that covered 9 cities, 119 organizations and many other briefs that were received.

Some hon. members: Order.

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Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): It has been the subject of virtually every Question Period during this time. It has been the subject of a number of opposition days.

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