

Tabling of Documents

[Translation]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, with respect to the first part of the question, that is the view of the Board involved in that decision; it does not necessarily reflect the actual situation, and the situation is not necessarily the same in all provinces as you mentioned.

Secondly, the Government does not intend to intervene in the market-place.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River, one question, please, which will be followed by a question from the Hon. Member for Portneuf, and that will end Question Period.

MINISTER'S MANDATE

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, my question is also with respect to the judgment of the Public Utilities Board of Nova Scotia. Will the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources assure the House that in accordance with his legal mandate he will instruct Petro-Canada immediately to make sure that it is not part of any price-fixing arrangement in any province?

[Translation]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, it is obviously part of the mandate of the Minister and Petro-Canada not to act illegally.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET NUCLEAR
SUBMARINES' MANOEUVRES

Mr. Marc Ferland (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. According to newspaper reports today, Soviet nuclear submarines armed with intercontinental missiles are carrying on unusual manoeuvres. I should like to ask the minister if Canadian territorial waters have been violated by the Soviet navy. If so, has the Canadian navy been compelled to intervene?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, it is not the first time that Soviet submarines have been located in Western Atlantic waters, but what is unusual this time is that they are more numerous. The Canadian forces, as members of NATO, are taking part in monitoring that area.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

TABLING OF 1986 REPORT—NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Section 9 of the Representation Act, 1985, Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Canada, 1986, to lay upon the Table a certified copy of the 1986 report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Newfoundland.

[Translation]

Pursuant to the Act, this report is deemed to have been referred to the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, it is Thursday again. Therefore I am delighted to ask the Government House Leader what business he intends to call not just for today, not just for tomorrow, but for all of next week.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that my colleagues on the other side of the House did not show up for the House Leaders' meeting yesterday at which I probably would have been able to discuss with them the order of business. I will unilaterally make the decision that we will deal with Bill C-44, Bill C-20 and Bill C-37.

Mr. Murphy: We don't believe you!

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[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER

MEMBERS' RIGHT TO VOTE ON QUESTIONS BEFORE HOUSE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) on a point of order.

Mr. Gauthier: At 1 p.m. today, Mr. Speaker, you declared that a motion of the House had lapsed. That is the very point I was trying to make last December when the Deputy Speaker of the House declared that a motion of the House had lapsed. Whoever refers to page 1760 of *Hansard* will find that I then rose on a question of privilege to ask the Chair to explain to me under what authority it felt it could interrupt a procedure which I deem basic to our country and Constitutional, namely, that whenever an issue is before the House, it must be dealt with through a division, with the majority votes prevailing.