

*Private Members' Business*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Does the hon. member for Mackenzie wish to call it five o'clock?

**Mr. Althouse:** I would like to call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—BILLS

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Before I recognize the hon. member, the Chair would like to remind members that the random draw to establish an order of precedence for consideration of additional items of Private Members' Business was postponed indefinitely by an order made on Wednesday, January 30, 1990. As a consequence, once the remaining item on the current order of precedence has been dealt with by the House, Private Members' Hour will be suspended, except to consider a Private Member's Bill or Private Member's Bill from the Senate.

Private Members' Hour will remain suspended until a random draw has been conducted and the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections has reported on the selection of the votable items.

Since there will be no business before the House on Monday between one o'clock and two o'clock, the House may wish to agree to meet only at two o'clock while Private Members' Hour remains suspended. On the other days of the week, the House will continue with the business before it prior to Private Members' Hour whenever there is no Private Members' Business to consider.

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### UKRAINIAN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton Southwest)** moved that Bill S-13, an act to amend an act to incorporate the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada be read a second time and referred to a legislative committee.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to have the opportunity to introduce this bill for the consideration of the House. Just before I speak to the bill, Mr. Speaker, I think you would find that there was unanimous consent to proceed today with all stages of this bill including referral to committee of the whole rather than our usual practice of a legislative committee.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it agreed?

**Mr. MacLellan:** Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure on behalf of the Liberal Party to agree to the hon. member's request. We are in full agreement that this is a very worthwhile bill and we are agreed that it should proceed in all stages today.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, I also concur. I have been informed that discussions have occurred and that the New Democratic Party is in agreement to proceed with this bill through all stages today.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** So ordered. On debate, the hon. parliamentary secretary, the hon. member for Edmonton Southwest.

**Mr. Edwards:** Mr. Speaker, very briefly I would like to just touch on some of the background and history of this bill. Two years ago, hundreds of thousands of Canadians of Ukrainian origin rejoiced in the celebration of the millennium of Ukrainian Christendom.

Legend, supported by various chronicles and some research, has it that the great Apostle Andrew had preached the gospel of Christ along the southern shores of the present day Ukraine and had travelled north on the waters of the Dniro River, and that he reached the hills where the present capital city of Kiev now stands, planted a cross on the site and prophesied that one day on those hills many churches would be built and from there the gospel of Christ would travel to many lands.

The millennium of Ukrainian Christianity traces to 988 A.D. and the occasion of the embracing of Christianity of Byzantine Rite by Grand Prince Volodymyr the Great, who adopted Christianity as the state religion and began the process of Christianizing his realm.

In so far as Canada is concerned, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada was established in 1918 to serve the spiritual needs of those who originally survived the various oppressions by immigrating to Canada and also the community of Canadians of Ukrainian heritage whose desire was to maintain their ancient Christian faith.