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taken it. However, in terms of making a ruling, I do not find it unparliamentary.

As the Hon. Member knows, my dilemma, in terms of checking the "blues", is that once the matter has been drawn to my attention I really have little choice but to deal with it on the spot.

Mr. Lapierre: Can I reserve my privilege?

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member could reserve his right if it was a question of privilege. However, it is in fact a point of order in the House as to whether language is parliamentary or unparliamentary. The Hon. Member may have a separate question of privilege if he chooses to consult the authorities, if it does not relate to the language itself.

ment of this country, with particular emphasis on the training and education of young people.

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[English]

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 30

Mr. Speaker: I have received notice of an application under Standing Order 30 from the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent).

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY—POSSIBLE USE OF CANADIAN TERRITORY AS STAGING AREA

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans), to move the adjournment of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 30 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the threat to Canadian sovereignty posed by United States Strategic Air Command instructions to use Canadian territory as a staging area during international conflict and the clear possibility of a link between the announced North Warning Radar System and the destabilizing Space—Defence Initiative.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Oshawa gave me the required notice of his intention to request this emergency debate.

The application is similar to those with which I dealt yesterday, although in his presentation to me he indicated one new element. The Hon. Member referred in his application to what he believes is an automatic provision in the treaty which would entail the repositioning of aircraft carrying nuclear weapons from the United States to Cold Lake, Alberta.

As the Member knows, during question period that matter was raised and there would appear to be a dispute over the facts.

While this element could conceivably form the basis of an argument justifying urgency of debate, the issue itself would not seem to be of the kind envisaged by Standing Order 30. I repeat what I said yesterday, that the concluding of an agreement is a policy decision, and policy decisions are matters for normal debate. Whatever the provisions of the agreement may be, the concluding of such an agreement is the prerogative of the Government.

Two allotted days remain during the current supply period, so there will be an opportunity to debate the issue, although admittedly not before the signing of the treaty.

I hope the Hon. Member will understand that the Chair is bound by the practice and precedents which govern applications made under Standing Order 30. Therefore, I am unable to accept this application.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETRO-CANADA

TABLING OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1984

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 46(2), I am tabling in both official languages a copy of the Consolidated Financial Statements of Petro-Canada for the year ending December 31, 1984, which should be referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

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[Translation]

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ADMINISTRATION OF CANADIAN FINANCES

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition on behalf of Political Science students at Laval University in Quebec, in which the students submit to this House their views on a constitutional amendment concerning the administration of Canada's public finances.

YOUTH TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition on behalf of several students from Laval University who are concerned about the problems of providing training for young people, and who wish to suggest that in the future, a commission be established whose ultimate goal would be the economic and social develop-