Government Orders

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 404 be deemed to have been made an Order for return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[*Text*]

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Question No. 404—**Mr. Wappel:**

> Since November 21, 1988 has the government given any funding to (a) the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (b) Serena Canada and, if so (i) when (ii) in what amount (iii) one-time or sustaining (iv) for what purpose (v) by way of grant or loan (with full loan particulars) (vi) with what system of accountabililty in place?

Return tabled.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS

The House resumed from Wednesday, January 16, consideration of the motion of Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):

> That this House reaffirms its support of the United Nations in ending the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait.

And on the motion of Mrs. Collins:

> That this question be now put.

Hon. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, colleagues and fellow Canadians, speaking in a debate on an occasion like this invites obviously some perspective on not only the present with which we are being bombarded with instant communication, but also the past and the future. In the moments given to me I would like to reflect on the past five falls when I have been a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

During those five years I have seen dramatic changes from the intractability of the cold war period, through the gradual move and thawing in relationships, to the point where in the last two years resolutions about world order and world peace have been jointly moved by the Soviet Union and the United States.

Many of us in the House and many working for peace across the country have been dreaming of the day of the new UN. Dreams that were once only that suddenly have come to fruition. We have begun to see the possibility of the UN being a forum for conflict resolution. This has suddenly become a reality.

But this change in the UN has come suddenly, almost overnight. Alvin Toffler, writing almost a decade ago in his book *The Third Wave*, warned us that we needed new institutions and processes as we moved into the 1990s. He anticipated that in the third millennium our society would need new machinery, a new wave forward.

In my constituency office in Waterloo, from across Waterloo region and across Canada, I have received, just as all members of Parliament have, calls, letters, and delegations from schools and universities. Our young people, particularly those age 13 through to 20, have been showing a tremendous concern about these issues. Their message is that they are disappointed and upset that we do not have the machineries in place and that we are back to using old models of war and violence to settle international disputes. At the University of Waterloo in my riding, in Conrad Grebel College under the Mennonite aegis, the Centre for Peace Studies has been trying to develop models as to how we could move forward.

What are the lessons that we can learn as we pray for a quick end to this conflict, a recovery period, and a resumption of the efforts to bring about an interdependent world community?

Obviously had we had these machineries in place, Canadian troops in the gulf today would have been serving under blue berets and the UN flag. The fact is that the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations has not been instituted. It has rusted out over the last 40 years of east-west confrontation and we have not had machinery in place.

The fact is that the force in the gulf, while American led, is under UN mandate. There was no other machinery there present in order to follow up the UN will. The United Nations itself does not have a capacity to mount a force. And so there never was a realistic expectation that the UN could have responded to the invasion of Kuwait