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Brightwell	Cadieux
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)	Cardiff
Chadwick	Champagne (Champlain)
Clark (Yellowhead)	Clark (Brandon—Souris)
Clifford	Cole
Collins	Cook
Cooper	Corbeil
Corbett	Danis
Darling	DeBlois
de Cotret	Della Noce
Desjardins	Dick
Dobbie	Dorin
Duplessis	Fee
Ferland	Fontaine
Fretz	Friesen
Gibeau	Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Gustafson	Halliday
Harvey (Chicoutimi)	Hawkes
Hicks	Hockin
Hogue	Holtmann
Horner	Horning
Hughes	Jacques
James	Jelinek
Johnson	Jourdenais
Koury	Langlois
Layton	Lewis
Loiselle	Lopez
MacDonald (Rosedale)	MacDougall (Timiskaming)
MacKay	Malone
Marin	Martin (Lincoln)
Masse	Mazankowski
McCreath	McDermid
McKnight	McLean
Merrithew	Mitges
Monteith	Mulroney
Oberle	O'Kurley
Plourde	Porter
Pronovost	Redway
Reimer	Ricard
Richardson	Robitaille
Saint-Julien	Schneider
Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth)	Shields
Siddon	Soetens
Sparrow	Stevenson
Tardif	Thacker
Thompson	Thorkelson
Tremblay (Lotbinière)	Turner (Halton—Peel)
Valcourt	Van de Walle
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Copps	Edmonston
Ferguson	Flis
Foster	Funk
Gaffney	Gagliano
Gray (Windsor West)	Gray (Beaver River)

Harb	Hopkins
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Keys	Kilger (Stormont—Dundas)
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• (1150)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I seek your clarification on a point of order. I refer to Beauchesne's fifth edition, citation 335 on the *sub judice* convention. It says:

Members are expected to refrain from discussing matters that are before the courts—It is a voluntary restraint imposed by the House upon itself in the interest of justice and fair play.

It goes on to say in citation 338 (3) that the convention applies to motions. As we sit, the issue of closure is before the Alberta Court of Appeal. The Ontario Attorney General has asked this court to rule that the use of closure is unconstitutional and in violation of section 18 of the Constitution Act.

I seek some guidance since this is before the courts, the whole matter of what we have just done. Is it appropriate that we proceed when closure is still before the courts, in recognition of the *sub judice* convention?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make two comments.

First, I think it was very clear from the Speaker's ruling of just 24 or 48 hours ago—I have forgotten the exact time—that one of the prime prerogatives or privileges of this House of Commons is to make and enact its own rules. It was a very important ruling in relationship to the particular issue we have before us,