

*Government orders**[English]*

Mr. Speaker: I think that hon. members have heard all that is necessary to be heard, at least for the moment. I am going to consider the matter. I will do the best I can to report back to the House at an appropriate time, in the hope that I can be of some assistance to all hon. members.

[Translation]

I thank the Hon. Member for Parkdale—High Park and his colleagues for their comments. Again, I thank all Hon. Members for their eagerness to co-operate with the Chair.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS
*[English]***ORDER IN COUNCIL**

TABLING OF APPOINTMENT AND REFERENCE

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, an order in council appointment which was made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), it is deemed referred to the appropriate standing committee, a list of which is attached.

• (1540)

And, while I am on my feet, Madam Speaker, I move:

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

Madam Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it. The motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Flis: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. By moving to Orders of the Day, I am wondering whether the government realized that it bypassed Statements by Ministers.

As we all know, today is probably one of the most important days in the history of this world. Of course I am referring to the unification of the two Germanys.

There is a national holiday today in Germany commemorating the union of the former two Germanys. I would have expected the Prime Minister, or someone on behalf of the government, to make some statement congratulating the new Germany rather than moving to Orders of the Day.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I do agree with the hon. member that this is quite a memorable day, but there was a motion in front of the House that we do now proceed to Orders of the Day. The motion was passed, so I will now call Orders of the Day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS
*[Translation]***HIBERNIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ACT**

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from September 26, consideration of Bill C-44, An Act respecting the Hibernia Development Project and to amend certain Acts in relation thereto, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee; and motions Nos. 1 and 2 of Mr. MacDougall (p. 13462) and the amendment of Mr. Plamondon (p. 13468).

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Madam Speaker, on September 14 1990, the Government of Canada announced the conclusion of an agreement with a consortium of private companies concerning the Hibernia development Project.

Today, the House is asked to adopt a Bill that would allow lenders to lend money to that consortium for the duration of the capital project.