

*Private Members' Business*

[English]

**Mr. Arseneault:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise an objection as well on a point of order.

I spoke in favour of the motion this evening. I returned to my office to do some work and I was waiting for the vote. It was supposed to have been a 15-minute bell; it was a 5-minute bell. As you know my office is in the Wellington Building and there are no buses running from Wellington in the evening. I got here and the vote had already started so I did not participate in the vote, although some members who arrived after me did vote against the motion.

I would like to say that had I been here on time—and had there been a 15-minute bell I would have been—I would have voted in favour of this motion as any sensible person would have.

**Mr. Hawkes:** Mr. Speaker, members who were not present in the Chamber may not have realized that the mover of the motion attempted to withdraw the motion and move the subject matter to the finance committee. That takes unanimous consent. Unanimous consent was not given. One member present in the Chamber refused that consent.

**An hon. member:** Who was it?

**Mr. Hawkes:** But I do understand, Mr. Speaker, I have had consultations with members of the finance commit-

tee, they do have the power to examine the subject matter and they will indeed be examining the subject matter as the mover of the motion proposed.

**Mr. Volpe:** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry but I would have wanted to be here for the vote as well. I was caught in the same dilemma as many of my other colleagues who found that the bell was a rather short one. I also would have wanted to have spoken in favour of this motion. I had the opportunity to do neither.

Had I been here on time, I would have voted in favour of this motion.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Order, please. Before entertaining further points of order, I may remind hon. members that according to long-standing practice here in the House, when a vote is scheduled, the bells shall ring for not more than fifteen minutes, and when the two Whips enter the House and indicate to the Chair that members are ready to vote, the Chair has no alternative but to proceed with the vote. That is what happened this evening.

It being 8.10 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 8.10 p.m.