

Government Orders

These citizens generally want laws that make young offenders accountable for their actions. They are most concerned with repeat violent young offenders and recommend harsher penalties including work camps, and in cases dealing with theft or property damage they suggest financial repayment to the victims of crime.

[Translation]

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Mark Assad (Gatineau—La Lièvre): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to table this petition signed by residents of the Outaouais region. It concerns the difference between the price of gas in that region and in other regions in Ontario.

The petitioners wonder whether there could be a public investigation of the reasons behind these price differences.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I suggest that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I suggest that all Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
IMPLEMENTATION ACTALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER SECOND READING
STAGE OF BILL C-115

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Agriculture) moved:

That, in relation to Bill C-115, an act to implement the North American free trade agreement, not more than one further sitting day be allotted to the consideration of second reading stage of the bill; and

That, fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government Orders on the day allotted to the second reading stage consideration of the said bill, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this order and, in turn, every question necessary to dispose of the second reading stage of the bill shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I appreciate your willingness to hear me at this time on the appropriateness of the time allocation motion just moved.

My NDP colleagues and I are outraged that the government is bringing in time allocation on Bill C-115 after only a limited time of debate at second reading. As I did in a letter to you, Mr. Speaker, on March 25, we are now calling on you to use your personal and procedural authority to stop what we regard as an abuse of Parliament.

Bill C-115 is the implementing legislation for the North American free trade agreement—

Some hon. members: Debate.

Mr. Speaker: Just a minute. I would hope that hon. members would extend the courtesies that are traditional in this place and allow the hon. member to put his argument. He is not proceeding on a question of privilege. He is proceeding on a point of order. It is a point of order that has been taken in the past and I have heard it. I am not anticipating what I shall do, but I am certainly going to hear it.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, Bill C-115 is the implementing legislation for the North American free trade agreement. NAFTA, as it is otherwise known, is a major development in Canadian political and economic history