

Government Orders

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However I believe the government is in violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Furthermore the weight is still balanced in favour of the young offenders. The protection of society, the protection of our children, is still outweighed by the so-called rights of protest and defiant young Canadians.

All we are asking is that the scales be evened out, that the rights of the victims and the rights of the potential victims, that is the rights of our children, be given priority and that the protection of society through the protection of high-risk young offenders who have no respect for the lives and the rights of others.

I reiterate my opening remarks. Bill C-37 is a step in the right direction but the stride is not long enough for the people walking on my side of the street.

The Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?
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The Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?
Some hon. members: Agreed.

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Some hon. members: No.

The Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yes.

The Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say no.

The Deputy Speaker: Is my opinion the only one to have it?

The Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

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The Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a), I have been requested by the chief opposition whip to defer the debate until a later time.

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The Deputy Speaker: Somebody will be waiting with the House. I am not sure if it will be members of the House.

I understand that the member representing the New Democratic Party participating in the adjournment debate had had time to physically reach the Chamber. We could wait the call of the Chair for a maximum of 15 minutes if a member has not arrived by then at least the House would do the respectful thing, that is given a reasonable opportunity for the member to attend.

Mr. White (Fraser Valley West): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I say to the hon. member across the way that I was running for the House to try to speak on the last day. I think if we are not here in our seats we are not here in order. If such is not the case then I would like to rise to speak in motion.

The Deputy Speaker: We took the vote. The Chair indicates to the hon. member that I made note of the fact that he was not in the Chamber, I knew he wanted to speak, but because he was not in the Chamber we had to go on to the vote. It was a voice vote.

Whether the House wants to give unanimous consent for a member speak is entirely a question for members.

Mr. Boudrias: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that if there was consent to suspend the commencement of the adjournment debate to the call of the Chair of a maximum of 15 minutes in order to permit the New Democratic Party member to reach the House?

The Deputy Speaker: The Chair takes it that there was unanimous consent to suspend for 15 minutes to a member for Kamloops a chance to participate in the adjournment debate.

[Translation]

Perhaps I could rephrase.

[English]

There is unanimous consent to wait 15 minutes before adjournment?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Boudrias: Mr. Speaker, the House therefore cannot now be suspended until ten o'clock unless we give unanimous consent because that is the adjournment debate. The adjournment debate would take place at this point.