

Again, it seems to me that the problem is that the farmer-owned grain companies need to be told by the farmers themselves how they want their own facilities operated. The farmers need to retake control of their own elevator companies.

**Mr. Malone:** Mr. Speaker, I am quite surprised that the Hon. Member for Regina West would say that the farmers do not know how to handle grain.

**Mr. Benjamin:** I did not say that.

**Mr. Malone:** Read *Hansard* tomorrow.

With respect to the bargaining process, the Hon. Member said that it must work, but that when the problem is serious enough a government of any political stripe must act. Bearing in mind the serious potential on the West Coast, is that time now, and do we have the Hon. Member's support that it is time to act *vis-à-vis* the West Coast situation?

**Mr. Benjamin:** No, I certainly do not believe that the time is now. If the hon. gentleman was listening to my speech he would know that all the grain could still be moving through Vancouver. There is no excuse whatever from either side of the dispute for it not to be moving. Similarly, most if not all the lumber could be moving because it has nothing to do with the current dispute. That is why I said that grain producers in Alberta and the western half of Saskatchewan are being victimized by the employers' association in Vancouver Harbour. It is time for the Government of Canada to call upon the elevator companies to open their doors and tell the longshoremen to get in there and handle the ships.

There are several more steps yet to be taken yet in the dispute, including mediation and conciliation. As I said, Mr. Kelly should not be brought back to Ottawa but sent on to Vancouver from Thunder Bay so he can knock some heads together in Vancouver Harbour.

[Translation]

**Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert):** Mr. Speaker, first of all—

**Mr. Gauthier:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier), on a point of order.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to interrupt the Hon. Member, because I think it is entirely proper she should have the floor, but I would like to remind you, Mr. Speaker, that Citations 301 and 302 in Beauséjour are very clear on the matter of alternating government and opposition speakers. Once again, I would remind you that yesterday, we did not have the number of speakers we would have wished. We had only two, while the Government had five. And today, when we are discussing a motion to amend the main motion, an

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amendment moved by my leader, I think we should not be put in a position where we are unable to speak to that motion.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I quite understand the objections raised by the Hon. Member. However, where the Hon. Member refers to the principle of alternating, I think that up to now we have upheld that principle. However, I remember what the Hon. Member said earlier about what happened yesterday, and I am bearing that in mind.

Debate. The Hon. Member for Louis-Hébert (Mrs. Duplessis).

**Mrs. Duplessis:** Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to congratulate you on the way you have performed your duties as Deputy Speaker in the past, and I wish you every success in the continuation of those duties.

I would like to avail myself of the privilege of making my speech at three o'clock, since we have hardly 30 seconds left.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent to call it one o'clock?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being one o'clock, this House stands adjourned until two o'clock this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

#### JEWISH NEW YEAR

##### CALL FOR RELEASE OF SOVIET REFUSNIKS

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, Jews throughout the world are ushering in their calendar year 5747 with the prayer of hope that this new year may bring with it greater political will by all world leaders to negotiate toward peace, toward a sense of personal security, and toward political stability for all mankind.

There is a phrase in our *Rosh Hashanah* liturgy which says "All men will come together in unison to respond wholeheartedly to divine will". This truly is the universal wish of all people, for peace on earth, goodwill to all.

A first step in that direction would be the release of Soviet *refusniks*, particularly those who are suffering from terminal cancer, to allow them the dignity of dying with their loved ones at their side. We insist that the Soviet Union honour its