

that the opinion of Canadians on the international scene will carry more weight and so that our troops in the gulf and our team with the United Nations will have the full support they deserve”.

I would like to know whether the minister agrees with me and my two opposition colleagues to say that it is of the utmost importance at this time to obtain the support of all members of Parliament so that the Canadian position will be clearly heard throughout the world and that, above all, our troops, the men and women now stationed in the gulf area, will have the clear impression that all Canadians and particularly their Parliament are behind them.

[*English*]

Mr. McKnight: I agree, Mr. Speaker, with my colleague. I compliment him on taking the time from his recess, along with two colleagues, to visit the Canadian troops in the Persian Gulf area. I want to thank him on their behalf for that effort.

What I think is important is what my colleague concluded with. By putting forward this resolution and asking for support of the United Nations sanctions and United Nations actions, what we were hoping to do would be to show Saddam Hussein that Canada among the majority of countries in the Security Council was—

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, it might be a bit presumptuous to suggest that this question and answer period began at 9.20 p.m. and it is now 9.35 p.m. We are looking at 15 minutes. The government decided on a deadline here. I gather there are a number of approved speakers who would like to make speeches. If we could limit the period to strictly 10 minutes, we could then accommodate the established group of speakers in the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I must say that it was because it was the Minister of National Defence that I felt I should extend the questions and comments for another couple of minutes.

I am at your disposal. I have one more questioner, and that would be it for the Minister of National Defence. Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Government Orders

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to be brief. By using the United Nations and gathering support from the world for increased pressure and condemnation of the action is an important part in getting Saddam Hussein to recognize the world is against his aggression in Kuwait.

What the members opposite are doing is giving him comfort. What they are saying is that they are not against his aggression in Kuwait, and they do not support—

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. McKnight: —the removal of Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

Mr. Nunziata: You are a war monger.

Mr. McKnight: The member says that I am a war monger. I draw to his attention that the United Nations, which they say they support, is taking an action to remove an aggressor from a smaller country. Members opposite are saying that the United Nations should not be supported in its action, and the Government of Canada is saying that it should be supported.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Davenport.

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence, but I do not want to abuse the rules. We are running out of time, so I will defer to a later opportunity.

Mr. Boudria: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry to use up just a moment of the House's time but, in conformity with what we have done in the past, I want to indicate that after the next speaker, the hon. member for Hamilton West, other Liberal members tonight will be speaking in two successive 10-minute slots for the rest of the evening, if that is agreeable to the House.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Bellemare: Mr. Speaker, since the minister has made a speech and is still in the House it would be interesting if we could extend the question period. Other members who will take the floor will certainly have interesting comments to make, but if we ask questions to our colleagues we will get nothing but rhetoric and their answers will not be as specific as those of the minister. I wonder if it would be possible, with the agreement of my