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within that city. When I walked that few feet to cross through Check Point Charlie, the atmosphere changed.

My first experience within about a block of the entrance was to come upon a small park in the middle of the city. I took a few minutes to stop and sit there. A young woman with, I assume, her mother and her two-year old daughter were in the park. What I found so fascinating was here we were in the middle of a city in an open park on a Friday afternoon and I am watching a mother and a young daughter and that little girl—like any two-year old—wanted to get up and play, have fun, and get into the excitement. The mother kept saying to her: “Shh-shh”. Mr. Speaker, at the same time I had left at home here in Canada a two-year old daughter. I can imagine how I would have responded to her in a park like that in Canada. I could not by any stretch of my imagination suggest to her that she be quiet.

The reason I tell that story, Mr. Speaker, is because that picture of that young woman and her daughter demonstrated to me so clearly the significance of that wall, what that wall stood for, what that wall meant. We saw because of that wall a tremendous division of ideology, a tremendous division of opportunity, and a tremendous division of people. A wall that would divide people from one family could be living on either side of the wall—

Mr. Speaker, may I call it 5:00 o'clock p.m.?

Some hon. members: 5:00 o'clock p.m..

Mr. Cooper: Is it 5:00 o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker?

I wish to continue my remarks after 5:00 p.m. o'clock.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lapierre: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford on a point of order.

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order because I was fully aware that the House had adopted a motion stating that at five o'clock we could vote on the adjournment, but that it was a conditional motion. Consequently, if the conditions are not met and that it is later than 5:00 o'clock p.m., I would like to know if the debate simply goes on and if the

proceedings continue as usual? Is this the best course to follow, that at that point the motion is void?

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: I would like to respond for a moment to the hon. member for Shefford. I think it is important that hon. members and the public understand the procedural situation.

We are now bound by a motion granted by unanimous consent, which reads as follows:

That, no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 the debate on Government Notice of Motion dated December 17, 1990 in the name of the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, regarding winter adjournment, be deemed to have been completed and all questions necessary to dispose of the said motion will be put forthwith and without further debate, provided that each opposition has had an opportunity to move an amendment or subamendment.

Given that I think it is appropriate to proceed. I ask hon. members to listen carefully because I think that they will see that this is proceeding appropriately.

It being five o'clock p.m., pursuant to order made on Tuesday, December 18, 1990, the House will now proceed to Government Business No. 26 in the name of the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons regarding the winter adjournment.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

WINTER ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That, when the House adjourns on the day this order is adopted, it shall stand adjourned until 2.00 o'clock p.m. Monday, February 18, 1991 provided that at any time before the said date the Speaker may fix a time at which the House shall meet either in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 28(3), if the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time; or, after consultation with the Government, for the sole purpose of granting Royal Assent to any Bill or Bills, after which the House shall stand further adjourned in accordance with this Order; and

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, if the House is not recalled pursuant to Standing Order 28(3) before Monday, February 18, 1991, the then scheduled adjournment in accordance with Standing Order 28(2) from February 18, 1991 to February 23, 1991 shall be cancelled.

I think the appropriate thing to do now is to give each opposition party an opportunity to move an amendment or a subamendment.