

*Patent Act*

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(Ottawa—Carleton)

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Members

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*After the taking of the vote:*

● (1210)

**Mr. Axworthy:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I gave notice on Friday concerning a proposed emergency debate on the softwood lumber issue. I realize that with the support of this motion, once again my motion will be superseded. However, I should like to preserve my right to propose that emergency debate on tomorrow.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. The Hon. Member cannot have it both ways. He is supporting a motion to move to Orders of the Day. At the same time he in fact precludes his own initiative.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, that is totally unrelated. The Hon. Member asked Your Honour to keep in mind that tomorrow he will reintroduce the motion—

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Some emergency.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Well, it is your fault.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) may have views about whose fault something is, but he knows that it is inappropriate to address another Member as “you” or to use the word “your”.

The Chair has listened carefully to the comments of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) and takes note of them. Of course the Chair will expect him to bring his application tomorrow at the appropriate time.

I declare the motion carried.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS***[English]***PATENT ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Friday, November 21, consideration of the motion of Mr. Andre that Bill C-22, an Act to amend the Patent Act and to provide for certain matters in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee; and the amendment of Mrs. Killens (p. 1378).

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, you must have noticed that the Opposition is not very pleased with the initiative of the Government to pass Bill C-22. We on the opposition side of the House are not too pleased with the Government wanting to curtail debate to only a few hours. I for one do not think that the Parliament of Canada should deal with the issue in only a few hours. Hon. Members of the House should have an opportunity to speak, be they for or against the particular issue. However, as we know, the Conservative Government does not want it. The Government wants to curtail the debate. It wants to ensure that the debate is over quickly. The Tories want the pain to go away. They want Canadians to forget the very harsh provisions of the Bill.

Your Honour should not think for a moment that I am the only one who does not like the Bill. Perhaps there are Tories across the way who have the same view; perhaps they think that my views are somewhat tainted by partisanship. It is unlikely that you, Mr. Speaker, would think that.

**Miss MacDonald:** Never.

**Mr. Boudria:** Let me draw to the attention of the House some comments of people in the media. I am glad the Minister of Communications (Miss MacDonald) is listening very carefully. She was in my riding recently—

**Miss MacDonald:** And was well received.

**Mr. Boudria:** Undoubtedly she was well received. I would gladly have been there to greet her had she given me prior notification. Let me read for the Minister of Communications this editorial in the November 24, 1986 issue of the *The Toronto Star*, a very objective and serious newspaper. The article is entitled “Patently Bad Legislation”. It reads:

● (1220)

After vehemently denying that drug prices will go up under his new patent legislation, Consumer Affairs Minister Harvie Andre now says drug prices, in fact, could rise. With that admission, Andre has come half-way to the truth.

His Bill would give multinational drug companies up to 10 years to market new brand-name prescription drugs before they can be copied and sold under generic names by Canadian firms. In other words, Andre is proposing to expand the multinational drug companies monopoly power. Whenever a firm enjoys a monopoly, prices not only can be pushed up, they inevitably are.

That's been the experience in every other area where monopoly power has been brought to bear. And so it is a virtual certainty that drug prices will go up—not just for new ones in the future but even for those now available. Luciano Calenti, chairman of the Canadian Drug Manufacturers Association, last week said that if generic drug companies are not allowed to bring in new products, they will have to raise prices on their existing products to stay in business.

You have it right there, Mr. Speaker, in black and white. It is not the opinion of just an opposition Member of this House, it is a totally objective opinion coming from elsewhere. I thought I would take a moment to share that with you.

Let me share with you, Sir, some of the other reasons that Liberals cannot support this legislation as presented. First, we have to remember that it was a Liberal Government of the past, a Government very concerned about the sick, the needy