

Introduction of Bills

Hawkes	Mayer	Rodriguez
Heap	Mazankowski	Schellenberger
Henderson	McCrossan	(Wetaskiwin)
Hicks	McCurdy	Scott
Hnatyshyn	McDermid	(Victoria—Haliburton)
Hopkins	McKenzie	Scowen
Horner	McKinnon	Taylor
Jacques	McLaughlin	Thacker
Jelinek	Mitchell	Towers
Jepson	Moore	Tremblay
Jewett	Murphy	(Québec-Est)
Johnson	Nicholson	Tupper
(Bonavista—Trinity—	(Trinity)	Turner
Conception)	Nowlan	(Ottawa—Carleton)
Keeper	Nunziata	Van De Walle
Kempling	Nystrom	Vankoughnet
Kilgour	Orlikow	Vincent
Killens	Ouellet	Wilson
Landry	Parry	(Swift Current
Langdon	Pépin	—Maple Creek)
Lawrence	Peterson	Winegard
Layton	Price	Witer
Lesick	Redway	Young—113
Lewis	Reid	
Lopez	Reimer	
Manly	Riis	
Martin	Robichaud	

NAYS

Members

nil/none

● (1150)

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I did not vote.

An Hon. Member: We noticed!

Mr. Prud'homme: Yes, I know you noticed. My dear friend noticed, and others may have noticed, and the reason is very simple. We have already proclaimed Mr. Wallenberg an honorary Canadian citizen. I participated in the debate. It was a motion of my colleague, the Hon. Member for Eglinton—Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille), and of the the Hon. Member for Laval (Mr. Ricard), and it was voted by this House. It was sent to the Senate. Approval was not given the first time. The Senate was adjourned and it was called back urgently the same day to proclaim Mr. Raoul Wallenberg an honorary Canadian citizen.

This country has two honorary Canadian citizens. I say this for those who like history. I do not understand why I should vote a second time. I have already voted for it, and I do not understand why all of you voted.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I do not want to argue against my friend, who has been here a lot longer than I have, but I want to make two points. Any Hon. Member has the right to introduce a Private Member's Bill in this House. I want to remind the House that when this came before the House in the past there were two Private Member's Bills which were both withdrawn and replaced by a motion.

The motion was passed in this House and it was also passed in the other place.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, a motion itself does not have any legal effect. This Bill would have legal effect if it were to pass both the House of Commons and the other place. For that reason, I think it is appropriate on this issue. We are dealing with Raoul Wallenberg, and in order to send a very clear signal to the Soviet Union, I think it is appropriate that a standing vote in this House of Commons be taken.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, they say that a great man, if he wants to be recognized as such, should not hesitate to correct himself. So I stand by what I said, subject to correcting myself tomorrow and apologizing to the House if I made an error.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme).

[English]

Mr. Prud'homme: You are very kind, Mr. Speaker, but I am chairing a legislative committee at the moment, and I owe that to Your Honour. I am returning there. I do not want a debate. I just said that if it were the first time, I would have voted for the Bill, but I have already voted for it. It was the subject of unbelievable debate in the Senate. So I stand to be corrected tomorrow, but I have already given my consent to making him an honorary Canadian citizen, because he was a great man. That was my speech. We tried to pass that so fast in the House that nobody knew who was Raoul Wallenberg. Would you like me to make an hour's speech on how great he was?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend has made the point. It is very dangerous to play politics with something as serious as the efforts of Raoul Wallenberg. The actions of the New Democratic Party are completely irresponsible. The NDP House Leader's own Members denied him the right to introduce this Bill and forced a vote.

I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that this was done only so as to delay procedural debate on a motion to extend the sittings. It is one thing to say to Canadians, "We do not want to sit in to the summer"; it is very much another thing to say, "we do not want to sit in June".

Mr. Rodriguez: Oh, sit down!

Mr. Lewis: This is completely irresponsible. My friend should talk to his own Members and explain to them that it is the right of every Member to introduce his or her own Bill.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.