

Tabling of Documents

I also table copies in both official languages of the report to Parliament on the remission orders for the six months ending September 30, 1988, as well as other important remission orders.

[English]

While I am on my feet, I wish to move:

That the House now proceed to the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek clarification. If this motion succeeds and we go to Orders of the Day, does that preclude the request for an emergency debate being made today?

Mr. Speaker: I should advise the Hon. House Leader for the New Democratic Party that under the rules, unless some consent can be obtained, I would not be able to entertain an application for an emergency debate. It may well be that consent could be obtained, but at the moment that would be the ruling I would have to make.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Government's interest in getting on with the daily business. I also appreciate that the Government would not want to be seen as, if you like, prohibiting a Member of the Opposition from requesting, at least, an emergency debate. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that you see if there is unanimous consent of the House to allow the Leader of the New Democratic Party to at least request an emergency debate, in the spirit of the process of healing and reconciliation.

Mr. Speaker: I think probably it would be advisable if Members discuss that matter further. I notice that the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) is seeking the floor.

Mr. Gauthier: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, what the House Leader just proposed and moved will cut off any chance of the Opposition Parties addressing the Speech from the Throne today. The motion says: "proceed to Orders of the Day". The only item under Orders of the Day is a Ways and Means motion, which is not debatable. It can only be put to a vote. We will vote against it, but that is it. You will have to recess after that unless you can find some solution now to address that question. I say to the House Leader, you cannot have it both ways. You allow the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) and the Leader of the NDP to address the question today on the Speech from the Throne, and do it democratically, otherwise you are cutting off debate.

Mr. Speaker: Of course, we will hear the Hon. Member for Kamloops. However, what I am going to suggest to Hon. Members is, because the Speaker is now seized with a motion, procedurally what the Speaker now has to do is put it to the House. Again, in the interest of making sure that all Members, especially new Members, understand what will take place, there will be a voice vote and then, depending on the outcome of that, there may very well be a 30 minute bell calling in the Members.

Of course, I cannot assure you of that, but that is a possibility. During that period I think Hon. Members on both sides of the House might have a discussion and perhaps the result of that discussion might assist the Speaker.

The Hon. Member for Kamloops, is there anything further?

Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1120)

(Division No. 2)

YEAS

Members

Anderson
Andre
Atkinson
Attewell
Belsher
Bernier
Bertrand
Bird
Bjornson
Blackburn
(Jonquière)
Blais
Blenkarn

Bosley
Bourgault
Boyer
Brightwell
Browes
Cadieux
Campbell
(Vancouver Centre)
Cardiff
Casey
Chadwick

Champagne
(Saint-Hyacinthe—
Bagot)
Champagne
(Champlain)
Clark
(Yellowhead)
Clark
(Brandon—Souris)
Clifford
Cole
Collins
Cook