

that services are held by the Army and Navy and Legions on November 11. Members of Parliament are expected to be there. They are invited to be there. This is an insult and a slap in the face to every veteran and veterans' organization across Canada.

It is ironic that we just received a report from the Senate respecting problems within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The report is entitled "They Served, We Care". Perhaps the Liberals should change that to "They Served, the Liberals Don't Care".

Will the minister reconsider that date?

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I think my hon. colleague must have been away too. He totally misunderstands the situation. He says it is an insult and a slap in the face, and he is all red. I wonder why he is so upset.

I want to be very clear, and I will speak his own language. What I said was that I was willing, even if the House of Commons in any case does not sit on November 11, to consider the possibility of accepting the request made by his colleagues and that we would look into additional hours for sitting on other days, if necessary, but that I was not in a position at this time to give a clear commitment on the part of the government.

Furthermore, I said that maybe this discussion is purely academic since the budget might well be on November 3. We do not know yet, it is too early.

I have shown some flexibility. I have shown some willingness to negotiate and discuss this situation. I merely stated what happens in Quebec because in Quebec there is a practice that we celebrate this on the previous Sunday. I recognize that that is not the case in my hon. colleague's province, but by saying what I said I did not slap anyone in the face, and that was not an insult to anyone. I was just talking about the facts.

All I am saying is that I want to be flexible and look into the situation. I do not think the hon. gentleman should be upset because of this. On the contrary, he should be much more courteous and accept that we on this side are willing to take into consideration all reasonable suggestions which are made by hon. members on the other side of the House.

**Mr. Kempling:** You get courtesy if you give courtesy.

**Mr. Friesen:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order to address a question to the government House leader. Perhaps it is time to ask a question about the charitable organizations bill which was tabled by the government early in this Parliament. I would like to know the mind of the government with respect to that legislation and what kind of plan the government has to bring that bill forward for discussion and debate.

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, all the bills on the Order Paper are important to the government and the country, and I am willing to discuss a good timing for any one of them with the hon. member's House leader.

### *Pipelines*

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#### CONSTRUCTION OF ALASKA GAS PROJECT

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** On a point of order, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. Minister for Energy, Mines and Resources on a point of order.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Madam Speaker, earlier during the oral question period, I answered a question by the hon. member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson) and indicated that the American government had, since the speech made by the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, brought certain amendments before Congress.

[*English*]

I would not like to mislead my hon. friend. The speech—

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Madam Speaker:** Someone already has the floor. Does the hon. member wish to speak on a point of order or ask a question or something? The hon. member said "a question of privilege". I can hear a question of privilege later.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, a question of privilege is normally heard at once. It is normally heard as soon as it arises because of the abuse of the rules of the House going on on the other side. I rise on a question of privilege affecting the rights of all hon. members. When we on this side of the House have attempted to do what the minister is doing now, we have always been sat down, and I do not think this sort of conduct should be permitted by the Chair, nor should it be engaged in by ministers. If there are any explanations to be made with respect to the minister's answers today, they can be made on statements on motions or at whatever appropriate time tomorrow.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Madam Speaker—

**Madam Speaker:** I am listening to a number of points or order. I do not know ahead of time what they will be about, so I allow people to express their points of order. Anyone can raise a point of order at this time—

**Mr. Nielsen:** We know what they are about.

**Madam Speaker:**—just as anyone might raise a question of privilege arising from the deliberations. I think what the hon. member for Yukon was doing was raising a point of order on the point of order raised by the minister.

**Mr. Nielsen:** It was a question of privilege.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, but I think it was, rather, a point of order.