

That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Lewis: He was on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) has risen on a point of order. I must advise the Hon. Member that rising on a point of order to adjourn the House is out of order. Other Members may want to address the point which the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap has made. The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier).

Mr. Gauthier: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. Speaker. I rose a few minutes ago because I had not heard that you had indeed called Introduction of Bills. If you had called for those Bills, then I understand why you would have entertained some dilatory motion from the Government. On the other hand, since you came into the House, you gave us notice that you were going to read the first part of the member's Bill or that you were going to ask the Member for Mission—Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) to proceed with his Bill. He had been given authority to do so by a democratic vote of the House. The majority said that we will recognize him, and that is the only thing that can happen now.

I submit that at the first stage of the Bill we cannot debate but we can vote on whether the Bill will be presented at this time. I hope you will proceed with that matter.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It has always been my understanding of the practice that the item which the Speaker calls under Routine Proceedings is the one with which we must deal. When the Speaker calls for petitions, members rise in their place to present petitions. If an Hon. Member wants to do something other than that, he is obliged to rise on a point of order before the Speaker calls for petitions or wait until petitions are finished.

When you call for petitions how can an Hon. Member be given the floor not to present petitions but to move a motion? I do not understand that. You called for petitions.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) is raising an interesting point. However, I think it is clear that there is a precedent for the recognition of an Hon. Member in those circumstances. In any event, that has been the ruling of the Chair. I, of course, would always be pleased to discuss any ruling at any time with Hon. Members. However, I would like at this point—

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Mr. Benjamin: A further point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I think perhaps the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) might let the Chair continue for the moment. Just so the situation is clear to all Hon. Members, what has happened here is that the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary moved that the Hon. Member be heard. I accepted that motion as being in order and there has been a vote, and

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the House, as the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier has clearly indicated, has approved that motion.

The Chair takes the view, then, that the Hon. Member for Mission Port—Moody (Mr. St. Germain) is now entitled to have his Bill presented for introduction, and it is the intent of the Chair to do just that because that is, of course, the logical sequence of what has happened and takes into account that we are in Routine Proceedings and the rubric here is Introduction of Bills. Therefore, I would prefer to proceed.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE AND THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission—Port Moody) moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act (capital punishment).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five Members have risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

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

(Division No. 88)

YEAS

Members

Andre	Cadieux	Crosby
Beatty	Caldwell	(Halifax West)
Belsher	Cardiff	Crouse
Bernier	Champagne	Dantzer
Bertrand	(Champlain)	Darling
Binns	Clark	Desjardins
Blackburn	(Brandon—Souris)	Dorin
(Jonquière)	Clifford	Duplessis
Blais	Collins	Edwards
Blenkarn	Comeau	Ellis
Blouin	Cooper	Fennell
Bourgault	Corbett	Ferland
Boyer	Côté	Fontaine
Brightwell	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Fraleigh
Brisco		Fretz
Browes		