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I know that every month I have a payment of \$600 until the end in five or seven years.”

[*Translation*]

I see, Madam Speaker, that my time is up. I still have so much to say. I am sorry because if I had been here and if I had been told in advance, I would have had unlimited time to address this issue. However you are giving me the signal that my time is up but I do think tradition has been lost here today.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion, I think if we really want to help small businesses, now is the time to put partisanship aside and to stop talking and start acting.

Nowadays, I like to express my ideas. Of course, if we had been elected in 1988, we would already be enjoying all this because it was part of our platform. Instead of increasing the tax burden and the redtape, as the GST will do, thus creating a nightmare for our small businesses, the government could make the fiscal system much simpler and easier for them with financing programs, for example. There could be loans, but also capital stock to help young people, not to mention women who play quite a part in our economy. So, you will forgive me if I focus on this, but there is so much to be said and I hope we have the opportunity to come back to this issue.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Before proceeding to the question and comment period, it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond—Child care; the hon. member for The Battlefords—Meadow Lake—Proposed Goods and Services Tax; the hon. member for Papi-neau—Saint-Michel—Lay-offs.

I simply want to make sure that, in his comments, the hon. member for Saint-Léonard did not question the way the chair recognized members. When the motion was put forward, the only person to rise was the hon. member for Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt and I had to recognize him according to the rules. It was not a

matter of changing the usual practices and procedures of the House.

Questions and comments.

Mr. Gagliano: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The hon. member for Saint-Léonard on a point of order.

Mr. Gagliano: I only want to say that I have total faith in the Chair who gave me all the time I needed, even a little more than the rules allow, and I thank you for it. I just wanted to tell the government that we get used to things being done a certain way. Since I was at the Finance Committee, with five minutes notice I could have got here in time.

[*English*]

Mr. Raymond Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Madam Speaker, I enjoyed the presentation of the hon. member. I would like to make a comment and ask him to reply.

The comment is interesting. It came from a constituent, in this modern day of parliamentary following and input, by a telephone call and then a fax. The fax today from the constituent reads as follows:

Mr. Prime Minister,

Many happy returns on your birthday, a time to celebrate, reflect and enjoy your accomplishments of the last year. One such accomplishment is the—nuisance regulation—against demonstrating within 50 metres of the Parliament Buildings. Let's enforce it to more than just Kealey—and keep our capital free of demonstrators of all kinds. With this in mind I would ask the Sgt at Arms to arrest and remove you from the House for demonstrating—not only your ignorance of fundamental rights for freedom of expression and peaceful assembly but fiscal responsibility—In Canada—

Mr. McDermid: Relevancy.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order, order! The Chair has very much difficulty relating the comments of the hon. member to the speech the hon. member for Saint-Léonard just ended.

We will go to someone who has a relevant comment.

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker.