Government Orders

hon. member for Athabasca suggested that in some way there was a filibuster under way in this House. I want to just draw to the attention—

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I am sorry but this is not a point of order. It is more a matter of opinion. I again recognize the hon. member for Athabasca.

[English]

Mr. Shields: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Burnaby-Kingsway underlined in his presentation that there is no use in members of Parliament submitting private members' bills-and there are many submitted in this House-because, even if there is general agreement in the House of Commons and they follow the same procedure as any other bill presented in this House by the government, they are not worth anything in that they will in some way impede the government's way of doing business.

I want to compliment the member for Peterborough who has been very diligent in his work. He has worked very hard with the law officers of this establishment to put together a bill that I think is very reasonable, that should go forward immediately to committee and that should be brought back to this House for third and final reading.

I would like to suggest—we will quit before the time is up—that all members stop speaking on this bill and that by unanimous consent we move it into committee.

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, in the minute or two that the hon. member for Athabasca has left me, I want to point out that there are certain measures proposed by the all-party committee, which included the member for Peterborough, with which I am in agreement. I think everybody in this House is likely in agreement, but I want to say that I think it is a mistake for the member for Peterborough to intervene in this way rather than by bringing the pressure to bear on his government. There is a pattern that is occurring in the last several years, the last four our five years in particular, of endangering human rights.

The point about human rights is that when you endanger the human rights of one, you may endanger the human rights of another one. The one may look quite bad enough, but you may hurt somebody else that you would not have wanted to hurt. However, the precedent when it is set is set. This is why I would-

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order. The time provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired.

[Translation]

Pursuant to Standing Order 93, the order is dropped to the bottom of the order of precedence on the Order Paper.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

IRAQ

INVASION OF KUWAIT

The House proceeded to consideration of motion No. 16 in the name of Mr. Clark (Yellowhead).

That this House condemn the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq and, encouraged by the unprecedented international consensus demanding the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait and the full restoration of the legitimate government of Kuwait, affirm unequivocally its support for Canada's actions in the Security Council and its support for all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted since August 2 and for the sending of members, vessels and aircraft of the Canadian Forces to participate in the multinational military effort in and around the Arabian Peninsula, and in recognition of the seriousness of this matter, accept the undertaking of the Government to present a further resolution to this House in the event of the outbreak of hostilities involving Canadian Forces in and around the Arabian Peninsula; and

That upon adoption of this motion, the said motion shall be deemed referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It being 6 p.m, pursuant to orders made Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19, 1990, the House will now proceed to the defferred division on the motion concerning the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, Government Business No. 16.

Call in the members.

• (1825)

The House divided on the motion Mr. Clark (Yellowhead), which was agreed to on the following division: