

Mr. Speaker, I seek some direction from you or perhaps my hon. friend. Some of the questions on the list, including some of my own and many others, date back to May and June of this year. In other words, far beyond the 45 days the Standing Order requires for responding. These are not tricky questions.

For example, one asks: "For each fiscal year since 1984 what has been the total hospital expenses incurred by each deputy minister?" That is just a matter of punching a key on a computer and receiving that answer.

I have a solution. If my hon. friend finds that he cannot answer all of these questions tomorrow, which probably will be difficult and I respect that, would he consider that the responses could be tabled with the Clerk as they become available during the adjournment as opposed to simply sitting idle until the early part of February?

**Mr. Cooper:** Mr. Speaker, I want to say to the hon. member that I agree with him that a number of these questions are long overdue. I want to tell him and other members of this House that I am pushing as hard as I can. My desire was that I would be able to answer all of the questions prior to the House rising tomorrow.

Should I fail to do so, I would like to take the hon. member's representation in hand, because it sounds like a very reasonable solution to me. I would certainly want to ponder on it and get back to him tomorrow, if that is all right with the hon. member.

**Mr. Riis:** I appreciate my hon. friend's comments. It is worth the study. Perhaps we could make further clarification tomorrow if he can proceed along these lines.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before we get to Orders of the Day I want to advise the House that in view of the fact that we are adjourning tomorrow there will be the usual hospitality by the Speaker for all hon. members. This is traditionally held across the hall. After today, I was wondering whether we should have three or four different rooms for it.

I insist on maintaining tradition and I would invite all hon. members to join with me from four o'clock on, if we are adjourned by then.

### *Government Orders*

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

### TELESAT CANADA REORGANIZATION AND DIVESTITURE ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-38, an act to provide for the continuance of Telesat Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the disposal of the shares therein of Her Majesty in right of Canada, as reported (with amendments) from Legislative Committee E.

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### SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** I am now giving the ruling on certain motions in amendment. There are seven motions in amendment in report stage to Bill C-38, an act to provide for the continuance of Telesat Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the disposal of the shares therein of Her Majesty in right of Canada.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 1, standing in the name of the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River, will be debated and voted on separately.

Motion No. 2, standing in the name of the hon. member for Okanagan—Shuswap, will be debated and voted on separately.

Motion No. 3, standing in the name of the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River, will not be selected because it is identical to Motion No. 2.

[*English*]

Motion No. 4, standing in the name of the hon. member for Okanagan—Shuswap, will not be selected pursuant to Standing Order 76(5), in that it was moved, debated and negated in committee.

Motion No. 5, standing in the name of the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River, and Motion No. 6, standing in the name of the hon. member for Okanagan—Shuswap, are out of order. These two motions go beyond the scope of the bill in that they introduce a new element which was not envisaged at second reading.