

*Routine Proceedings*

first of all, minimum notice, and second, withdraw at the last minute without making their presentation.

This is not in reference to the Solicitor General, but to the other minister, namely the Minister of Housing, who had given such indication earlier this morning.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth), Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House):** Mr. Speaker, what the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell just said is correct. I believe the opposition has been asking us for a long time to advise the critics when ministers want to make statements in the House. In fact, if we had not advised the critics and the minister had made a statement, the hon. member would have been the first to criticize. In this particular case, a decision was made to advise the critics because the minister might make a statement. Out of courtesy to his opposition colleague, we sent a copy of the statement. Later, it was decided that there would be no statement right now. If this caused some problems for the hon. member, I think it was all done in good faith.

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member in reply, and then I will see the other member.

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate that we are getting notification ahead of time. That is good and proper. It was not a reflection on that principle, which obviously we fully support. I just would hope that, when we do get such notification, in order to make the House function smoothly as possible, the information provided be as accurate as possible as often as possible. Perhaps the deputy government House leader can take note of that.

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** On the same point, Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a brief intervention. We too appreciate as much notice as possible.

We recognize that, as things go, sometimes 9.30 a.m. for 12.10 p.m. is the best we can do. I would ask, through you, Sir, that the government take a look at how it approaches these things, particularly in light of the fact that we have, like the Liberals, one of our colleagues preparing to make a non-statement.

As we all know, our time is eaten away by many things in this House, and if we do not have to do something, it is a bit better. The government can take a look at that, and perhaps find a procedure that is acceptable to them and helps us as well.

**Mr. Murphy:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, during the answer to a question from me during Question Period today, the finance minister was explaining the difference between himself and the Liberal finance minister who had offered to resign if the interest rates remained high. You cut off the Minister of Finance, and if he wishes to finish the statement with his resignation, we would give him lots of time to do that.

• (1210)

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no limit to the ingenuity of hon. members.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, each year, scores of Canadian men and women are killed as a result of workplace accidents in the service of their jobs, or suffer through the agony of industrial disease.

We must not eradicate from our memory the dead Canadian workers who have given what is most priceless—their lives—while trying to earn a living for themselves and their children.

April 28 is the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been injured or who have succumbed to death and disease as a result of noxious workplaces.

I would like the Honourable Members, employers and workers to remember that progress and economic growth shall not be paid for with the price of the lives and well-being of workers.

Let us honour and respect the workers of Canada who have given so much of themselves to us.

[*English*]

Workplace hazards can lead to human suffering and great tragedy. For example, a chemical spill oozing dangerous fumes can cause nausea, insomnia and damage to the body. Such incidents of occupational injuries