

*Government Orders*

[Translation]

**Mr. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate having the unanimous consent of the House so that the hon. member for Jonquière can move his Motion No. 10.

[English]

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the NDP caucus, we give our consent to that.

[Translation]

**Mr. Lapierre:** Mr. Speaker, we just gave our unanimous consent, but I heard a Conservative say no, however.

[English]

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, we would be delighted to give unanimous consent to the hon. member opposite.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**An hon. member:** No.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill)** moved:

Motion No. 64.

That Bill C-81 be amended by adding immediately after line 40 at page 30 the following new clause:

"42. The provisions of this Act and any regulations made pursuant to this Act are not to be interpreted by the Courts in any manner that would prevent changes to the electoral laws of Canada."

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 76(8), a recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

The House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred divisions at report stage of the bill now before the House.

Call in the members.

*And the division bells having rung:*

[Translation]

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I give the floor to the hon. member for Saint-Hubert, on a point of order.

**Mrs. Venne:** Madam Speaker, I see several male members wearing hats in this House. I believe that is completely contrary to the rules of decorum in this place. Of course, I find it very nice. If we want to change the rules, I want to admire them, but I believe it is not proper behaviour in the House.

[English]

**Mr. McKnight:** Madam Speaker, if you check in Beauséne's I think you will find that the member uncovering is recognized. Therefore it is appropriate that men may wear hats, but they may not be recognized until they uncover.

**Mr. Flis:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is a question of whether they can wear hats or be called or not. We from all parties, including the Independent, have been working very hard on improving the decorum in this House. I hope the gentlemen will respect that and remove their hats.

[Translation]

**Mrs. Venne:** Madam Speaker, I would also like to add that I think male members are required to wear ties in this House. Many of them are not wearing ties today.

[English]

**Mr. Johnson:** Madam Speaker, I am appalled by the sexist comment made by the hon. member from the Bloc Québécois.

I remember a few weeks ago on St. Patrick's Day a female member of Parliament was wearing a bright green hat and nobody said a word. I think that should be taken into consideration. These types of comments are not needed in this House.