

my colleagues was that a committee be structured now to review all of the relevant documents pertaining to that sale.

Mr. Speaker: Order. With great respect to the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans), I must call him to order as I did with the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray). It seems to me that these are not questions about business scheduled for debate but in fact a House Leaders meeting on the floor of the House of Commons. May I suggest that these matters should be discussed by the House Leaders somewhere else?

Mr. Deans: If I may, Mr. Speaker, I would be delighted to discuss them somewhere else. Do you have any place in mind?

I asked the same question last week. We are near the end of this session. All I want to know is if the committee will be struck and, if we have an answer to that, will the documents be forthcoming? If they are, I am sure that we could deal quickly with much of the legislative package.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, since we are entering the festive season I will not respond in the way I might at another time. I simply say to the Hon. Member that he must have been listening to questions and answers during the course of Question Period over the last week and a half when he has asked precisely those questions. I think those questions have had adequate response.

I find it difficult, when the Hon. Member writes me a letter and then stands up the same day on the floor of the House of Commons to ask one of my colleagues the same question, whether I am supposed to respond or—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must also interrupt the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) as I did the other two House Leaders. It seems very clear to me that it is not a discussion about what is scheduled but a discussion about what might be scheduled, which is more appropriate for a House Leaders meeting.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I just want to conclude by saying to the Hon. House Leader of the Official Opposition that we have attempted in all instances to have a very full and long debate. We have provided ample opportunity for virtually every Member of the Opposition to participate in legislation.

When I listed the items I did, I would like to say to him that naturally we would like to pass the legislation I listed, but I am prepared to discuss the matter with him in order to see whether we can make progress before December 20 or to see what steps will have to be taken if we do not reach December 20 without making good progress on these pieces of legislation. Those questions are in the hands of the Opposition and we are prepared to be as co-operative as ever.

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior): Mr. Speaker, since Bill C-74, the redistribution Bill, is primarily a parliamentary matter and it is parliamentary tradition to proceed by way of agreement on these matters, would the House Leader take this

opportunity now to seek unanimous consent to withdraw the time allocation motion?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, this tradition was not followed by the previous Government. All I can say with respect to this legislation is that I have taken more steps by allowing pre-consideration before I even introduced the Bill last spring. This fall, I allowed additional witnesses and an extension of time.

The strange thing about this Bill is that I responded to the request of the Liberal Party and made the amendments that were requested by their spokesperson, the Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster). Now they have the audacity to stand up and say that those amendments which I brought in because of their request are the reason they want this Bill to go back for further consideration. What hypocrisy.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill S-6, an Act to implement an agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a Convention between Canada and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and an agreement between Canada and India for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Government House,
Ottawa,

December 12, 1985

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Gérard V. J. La Forest, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to-day, the 12th day of December, 1985, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Leopold H. Amyot,
Secretary to the
Governor General.