

Tabling of Documents

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I want to remind the House that I asked the House Leader yesterday in the House what the agenda for today would be. At that time the Deputy House Leader answered, and we will find that on page 18 of *Hansard*:

—we will be calling the vote on the Ways and Means Motion tomorrow—

I asked specifically if he would designate a day for continuing the debate on the address. He did not answer me. I took it that he knew what he was doing at that time, that there was either total confusion on that side or that they had a plan for today.

● (1110)

I submit to you, Mr. Speaker, that the proposal now is that we will have this address continued today but on the condition put by the Government that we agree tomorrow on closure. That is the point. At seven o'clock tomorrow night, debate on a motion must be taken up and finished, if I understood the Minister properly. If that is the point, then—

[*Translation*]

. . . That is blackmail! That is all it is. It is bargaining in public and it does not work; it cannot work either.

I would say to the Minister that if he wants to begin the session with this kind of approach of giving, taking back, giving . . . this kind of attitude will not work.

So I ask him to be frank with the House. Today we would like to proceed with the Speech from the Throne. We ask that the Leader of the Liberals and the Leader of the New Democratic Party be heard. If he is prepared to do that, we will negotiate other matters after. But we must not negotiate the Throne Speech with such an unacceptable proposition as, "Tomorrow, we will impose closure." That does not work.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: I think under the circumstances it would be best if we proceeded with Routine Proceedings. There may, of course, be further discussions between representatives of all three Parties.

I have a preliminary matter which I must bring to the attention of Hon. Members. Hon. Members will know, at least some will know, but I want to bring it to all Hon. Members' attention, especially new Members, that there is a new set of House Orders which were adopted on May 27. These copies are now available. Some of you may have been operating under the old Orders. What you will find is that basically in substance they are the

same. However, the numbering is different. When Members are addressing the Chair on a procedural point, it might be advisable from now on to have a copy of the new book and keep it with you.

Some of you may find at first, because you are familiar with the old book, that you want to work with that, but as soon as possible I think it would be helpful for all to get the new book. You will find that it is an improvement. The rules are more logically set out. I do not think you will have any difficulty in using them. I do want to bring this especially to the attention of new Members.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

STANDING ORDERS

TABLING OF REVISED ORDERS

Mr. Speaker: I must formally make this announcement. I have the honour to lay upon the Table, pursuant to the Order of the House adopted on Friday, May 27, 1988, a copy of the re-ordered and re-numbered Standing Orders of this House dated November, 1988.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board) and Acting President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(1), I have the honour to lay upon the Table copies, in both official languages, of the 1988 Annual Report of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

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[*Translation*]

REMISSION ORDER

TABLING OF REPORT

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board) and Acting President of the Treasury Board): And pursuant to Standing Order 32.2,