

tween artists and producers in Canada; Bill C-45, an act to promote public safety in the transportation of dangerous goods; Bill C-58, an act to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act and other acts in consequence thereof; Bill C-41, an act respecting the energy efficiency of energy-using products and the use of alternative energy sources; Bill C-13, an act to establish a federal environmental assessment process; Bill C-49, an act to amend the Criminal code (sexual assault); Bill 51, an act respecting water resources in the Northwest Territories; Bill C-52, an act respecting water resources in the Yukon Territory, and Bill C-70, an act to amend the Criminal Code (jury).

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[English]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

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

Government House
Ottawa

June 23, 1992

Mr. Speaker,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Gérard La Forest, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 23rd day of June, 1992, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

Yours sincerely,

Judith A. LaRocque
Secretary to the Governor General

Mr. Milliken: Point of order, Madam Speaker. The list of bills you read is very impressive and I know there is a tremendous list already waiting for Royal Assent in the other place which of course have been passed in this House in the last few days.

I see the parliamentary secretary to the Government House leader is here. I wonder if he could explain why it

is that time allocation is being used on government bills when such progress is being made.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA

RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Caccia (p. 12693).

Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Madam Speaker, I want to have an opportunity to make a few remarks before we adjourn to deal with the products of the Senate but I would like to share it with my colleague from Newfoundland if the time is short.

The motion before us today put forward by the hon. member for Davenport certainly is a very supportable and commendable proposal and I recommend it to the House.

I would also point out there are some serious problems in our attention paid to critical issues in the marine or oceanic environment. I would like to point out a couple of those. These are long historic problems that neither government, the previous Liberal government nor the government of the day, the Conservative government, has dealt with.

The first one is the Dixon Entrance problem, the boundary dispute with the United States in Dixon Entrance in which people who fish on the coast of British Columbia are constantly harassed by the Americans who had moved the AB line into the centre of the Dixon Entrance.

We see constant harassment by American coast guards, arrests, seizure of catches, seizure of vessels, and a completely intolerable response from the Government of Canada which turns around and allows this to happen.

Canadian maps show Canadian fishing territory. Canadian sovereignty should be exerted there and the Canadian law enforcement, the Canadian government, everyone allows them simply to be arrested in areas that we show on our maps as Canadian area. They are in that area harassed by the Americans, arrested, hauled to Ketchikan, their catch is seized, taken to court, fined,