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Madam Speaker: The motion is defeated.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARGRIET OF THE NETHERLANDS, AND HER HUSBAND, MR. PIETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN

Madam Speaker: Before going into the next proceeding, may I call the attention of the House to the distinguished presence in our gallery of a beautiful princess who was born in Canada, Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, and her husband, Mr. Pieter Van Vollenhoven.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

POINT OF ORDER

MR. NIELSEN-LENGTH OF OUESTION PERIOD

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, since we in this Party were here between 12.30 and one o'clock ready to vote, and since the bells rang until now as a result of the Government, I wonder if there might be a disposition to extend Question Period since we have gone 30 minutes into it, so that we have the full time of a normal Question Period.

[Translation]

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I do not know whether the Hon. Member was referring to the Energy debate or the debate on the Crow. In any event, he is aware of our traditional generosity, and so, as far as I am concerned, there is no objection to having the usual forty-five minutes for oral question period.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE ECONOMY

CONFERENCE BOARD FORECAST

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my question is for—

Some Hon. Members: Where is your Leader?

Mr. Crosbie: Where were they for the last three hours? Now they are yelling like jackasses.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: My question is for the Minister of Finance.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

• (1430)

Mr. Crosbie: The Minister of Finance will know that yesterday Statistics Canada released a report showing that the economy has slowed down in the first half of the year and there has now been a significant slowdown in the second half of the year. The leading indicators for household income have slowed. Yesterday the Conference Board of Canada showed that the current economic recovery may already be over. Growth is sluggish.

In view of those facts why did the Minister, in his speech of Tuesday, September 27, say to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce that we have a real recovery that is becoming increasingly well rooted? How could the Minister make that statement knowing the facts as indicated by these two bodies, and what steps—

Some Hon. Members: Order, order.