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● (1140)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I was unable to vote as I was not in my seat when the vote commenced. Had I been in my seat, I would have voted with my Party, as I always do.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Ms. Maheu: Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a point of order. I was absent from my seat when the vote commenced. Had I been in my seat, I, too, would have voted with my Party.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROPOSED HOURS OF SITTING

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members will recall that yesterday afternoon I entertained extensive argument with respect to the motion standing under Government Order No. 1 for today. There were two important issues raised in that argument, and I am now ready to rule on those issues.

When Orders of the Day were called yesterday, December 14, 1988, the Hon. Minister of State (Mr. Lewis) proposed to move the motion standing on the Order Paper as Government Business No. 1. This motion, if allowed to be moved, debated and agreed to by the House, would have the effect of suspending various Standing Orders. Those Standing Orders relate to the hours and days of sitting, the adjournment proceedings, and the committee stage of public bills.

● (1150)

Both the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and the Hon. Member for Kamloops (Mr. Riis) rose on points of order at that stage to object to the motion being moved, arguing that it was procedurally unacceptable. They and other Hon. Members stated that the motion should not be allowed because it would contravene the recent reform to the Standing Orders by extending the hours of sitting and adding sitting days to the recently established fixed calendar. They also put forward the argument that this motion, by providing for all Bills to be dealt with in Committee of the Whole rather than in legislative committee, would also go against recent reforms and would prevent the hearing of witnesses at the committee stage.

[Translation]

The point was also made that because this motion related to all public Bills and could be in effect for the duration of this session, it was a potential abuse of the power of the majority.

[English]

During the discussion on these various points, the Hon. Minister of State proposed to give notice of his intention to move closure under the provisions of Standing Order No. 57 on the motion in question. Argument was then put forward by the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier), the Hon. Member for Kamloops, the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy), the Hon. Member for Regina—Lumsden (Mr. Benjamin), the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria), and the Hon. Member