

you have helped us to enjoy those years that we served here as parliamentarians. I do thank you, sir.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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PRIVILEGE

The Speaker: I have a point of privilege from the member for Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville. Before I hear the point of privilege I want to thank the hon. member for holding off on the point of privilege until these tributes were paid. I asked that he do this through my Clerk.

I am going to hear the point of privilege. I would simply indicate to the hon. member that I as the Speaker have heard the point of privilege that was brought up earlier. I was prepared earlier to make a ruling on the information that was before me then, but (a) I was asked by the hon. member to withhold the decision, and (b) the hon. member withdrew that point of privilege.

If this is the same point of privilege that the hon. member is bringing up, I would ask him to please at the beginning identify for me precisely which point has been infringed, and second, I would ask him to bring new information if there is such, or if it is the same point of privilege that the hon. member brought up before. If the hon. member would do that it would help the Chair considerably.

MEMBER FOR MARKHAM—WHITCHURCH—STOUFFVILLE

Mr. Jag Bhaduria (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, this point of privilege relates to the question I raised on February 15 and it is very brief.

I rise here today on the question of privilege after consulting with counsel and having discussed the issues of blackmail and the unfounded allegations made against me. I wish to re-submit my original question of privilege of February 15 so that all these issues may be investigated accordingly in the appropriate committee.

I trust your decision will be favourable, Mr. Speaker.

Concerning all the information that has come up, after discussing it with counsel I was informed that the details were not so pressing as I had believed they were. Therefore the issue remains almost the same as I had raised earlier. The discussion which I had with counsel did not produce any new material at all.

The Speaker: So that your Speaker is absolutely clear, the hon. member wishes me to make a ruling on the information which has been put before me at an earlier time.

If this is what the hon. member is asking me, then I will gladly do that. I will review all of the notes. I will review *Hansard*. I will review all of the information which has been put before me and I will be making a ruling to this House at the earliest possible time.

[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT SUSPENSION ACT, 1994

BILL C-18—NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TIME ALLOCATION

Hon. Fernand Robichaud (Secretary of State (Parliamentary Affairs)): Mr. Speaker, no agreement could be reached under Standing Order 78(1) or 78(2), regarding the proceedings at the second reading stage of Bill C-18, an act to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

[English]

Under the provisions of Standing Order 78(3), I give notice of my intention to propose at the next sitting a motion to allot a specific number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings of the said stage.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

• (1525)

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1).

These appointments are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached to the documents.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, and pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), the government's response to five petitions.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the first report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

The committee has considered Bill C-6, an act to amend the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act, the Canada Petroleum Resources Act and the National Energy Board Act and to make