

Government Orders

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: On division.

Motion agreed to

Madam Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time? According to order made earlier today, now.

Mr. Andre (for the Minister of the Environment) moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: No.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Debate. The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

Mr. Benoît Bouchard (Roberval): Madam Speaker, point of order. This afternoon, during Oral Question Period, I referred to a list of documents that the department is making available on breast implants. With leave of the House, I would like to table these documents here in the House, as I indicated during Oral Question Period.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Debate. The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment.

• (1550)

[English]

Mr. Lee Clark (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Madam Speaker, let me express, once again, my regret for the error I made earlier during Question Period when I referred to you as Mr. Speaker. That was simply due to my failure to look at the Chair.

Madam Deputy Speaker: That was not the most difficult part of my day, I can assure you.

Mr. Clark (Brandon—Souris): It is an honour and privilege to be able to begin third reading debate on Bill C-13. Once again I would like to begin by expressing the regret of the Minister of the Environment that his previously determined schedule prevented him from being present on this very important and happy occasion. As you know he is participating at this moment in very important meetings in Vancouver with respect to the proceedings of Globe '92, a significant international environmental conference. He is also meeting with his colleagues of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the

Environment. That is certainly a very significant undertaking.

The legislation before us is very significant and has been marked by an immense amount of co-operation from all the parties concerned during the various stages which have brought us to this point today. I would like to begin by officially thanking the members of my own party who have participated in the various committee stages. There were two such stages because this bill was once known to the House as C-78. It was subsequently reincarnated in the form of C-13. Members have served very diligently over that period of time and their names are part of the *Hansard* proceedings.

I would also like to thank the members of the opposition parties who were equally diligent and helpful during the course of their participation.

In addition I would like to make note of the constant guidance and assistance provided by a number of FEARO officials as well as the Department of the Environment staff. We could not have made the progress we did without their assistance.

I would also like to note that the committee handled its responsibilities in a different and perhaps unique way. In one instance the Minister of the Environment made an unusual effort and offered to attend the committee during clause-by-clause. In fact he rearranged his schedule so he could be present for a very extensive period of time.

Unfortunately our own schedule did not permit him to be present as often as he had wished, but he was present during clause-by-clause more than is normally the case. I think all members of the committee were appreciative of that. At the suggestion of the Minister of the Environment, the committee decided to secure the assistance of two distinguished extremely able environmental lawyers, Bill Andrews of the West Coast Environmental Law Association, and Brian Pannell of the Canadian Environmental Network.

I found their guidance to be exceedingly helpful. They were present during all of our clause-by-clause negotiations which went on for several days. I think the other members of the committee would agree that they were able to bring to the table not only a level of competence, but a very thorough understanding of the bill and the law pertaining to the area of environmental protection. So I