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find ourselves. It is indeed not your fault, Madam Speaker, that we are confused. Some of us thought that we would continue with the Bill which we were studying before Question Period, that is, Bill C-54. Others knew that we were going to proceed to Bill C-91. That created some confusion.

As you know, Madam Speaker, we have a speaker who wants to speak to Bill C-91. I take it that the Government will explain the Bill to us and to Canadians. We can then proceed with the normal routine.

We will comply with your wishes and cede to the Parliamentary Secretary.

Mr. Rodriguez: Madam Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. You called Bill C-91. The Hon. Member for Windsor—Walkerville (Mr. McCurdy) stood up. He was recognized and he started his speech. We are not going to start playing these games and reverting. If you wanted to speak, you should have been up.

● (1510)

Mr. Greenaway: I was up.

Mr. Rodriguez: They should have their act together. They should have been informed that there was a switch from Bill C-54 to Bill C-91. They obviously do not have their act together over there—

Mr. Greenaway: Speak for yourself.

Mr. Rodriguez: The Member has been recognized and I believe he should continue with his speech.

Mr. Greenaway: Same point of order.

Mr. Rodriguez: Go back to sleep.

Mr. Hawkes: Madam Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I think informal discussions were held earlier this day with all three Parties, about the rhythm of business for the day. The Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) is correct in saying that some people understood that and perhaps some others were not fully informed. It was the intention of the Government to move to Bill C-91 as the second order of business today, followed by Bill C-54, however, upon the request of the Opposition, concurred in by the Government, we agreed to move to Bill C-91 after Question Period and then return to Bill C-54 if time permitted.

As you were reading the motion there were many people in the House shouting "agreed". I know that the Member for Cariboo—Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway) stood on at least three occasions, but it was not clear as to when the debate was going to begin and perhaps at the critical moment he was not on his feet because he had been up and down several times.

However, I think in the spirit in which we agreed to change the order of business for today it would be helpful if Members of the New Democratic Party were to give unanimous consent to hear the explanation of the Bill, to be followed by the Hon.

Member you had previously recognized. That would certainly be in keeping with the spirit which was established earlier this day, and the spirit with which the Government entered into rearrangement of the business. Failure to do that would send a different signal to the House and perhaps to the Government as well.

Mr. Greenaway: Madam Speaker, I just want to make it clear that I was standing in my place on at least three occasions. If you people cannot see that, that is your tough luck. Get some glasses.

Mr. Rodriguez: You were sleeping.

Mr. Greenaway: I was not.

Mr. Rodriguez: We do not recognize the Members, the Speaker does.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Rossi: Madam Speaker, on the same point of order. When you referred to the motion in question, the Parliamentary Secretary was certainly not on his feet. I could see that from here. Sure, he is a friend of mine, but he was not on his feet. He just said: Question. Meanwhile, the Member for the New Democratic Party was on his feet to be recognized.

[*English*]

Mr. Keeper: On a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I think all the different avenues have been—

Mr. Keeper: On a point of order, Madam Speaker. We on this side of the House would like to see the work of this Chamber proceed in an orderly manner.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down, then.

Mr. Keeper: If I am going to hear catcalls from that side of the House, perhaps I will not say what I intended. I intended to say that in order to facilitate the business of the House we would like to hear from the Government side, in spite of the fact they were asleep at the switch. Then we will respond to what the Government has had to say.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I understand there is unanimous consent to revert to the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary. I wish to extend my appreciation to all sides of the House and hopefully from this point we will have a pleasant afternoon.

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Forestry and Mines): Madam Speaker, Bill C-91, an Act to amend the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act, known as CALURA, has received second reading today. This legislation which was passed in 1962 involves the reporting of ownership and financial information relating to corporations and labour unions operating in this country.