

move. Now he is desperately looking around for some other way to do an end run around his own government. The people of Canada deserve better. The people of Canada deserve leadership on this important issue. The people of Canada do not want more committee hearings on a process which has already been studied, and studied, and studied again.

• (1740)

Mr. Speaker, you are asking me to conclude, and I will conclude by saying that the time for action on this very important subject and for government action is now.

Mr. Jack Shields (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. I want to point out to all here and the people of Canada that we are seeing a filibuster by the New Democratic Party.

The critic for justice, the hon. member for Burnaby—Kingsway, talks about bills coming into this House. He knows full well that time allocation for bills coming into the House is limited indeed because every bill that comes before this House with a government initiative is being thwarted by members of Parliament in the opposition.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I will reserve.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[Translation]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

• (1750)

And being returned:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate Chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Private Members' Business

Bill C-28, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, the Old Age Security Act, the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act and a related Act—Chapter 39

Bill C-21, an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act—Chapter 40

THE CRIMINAL CODE AND THE SUPREME COURT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Domm for second reading and referral to a legislative committee. Bill C-210, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Supreme Court Act (*habeas corpus*).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): At the time the sitting was suspended, the hon. member for Athabasca had the floor.

[English]

Mr. Shields: Mr. Speaker, there is one point I would like to say very clearly, and that is that the member of Parliament—

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Burnaby—Kingsway, on a point of order.

[English]

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I believe that I had the floor when the Black Rod knocked, on a point of order.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I am sorry, but the end of your speech coincided with the end of your speaking time. Your speaking time has now expired.

[English]

The hon. member for Athabasca had the floor. The hon. member for Burnaby—Kingsway.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I did have the floor on a point of order when when the knock came on the door. I was just starting the point of order when we were interrupted by Her Majesty's representative.

Very briefly, because I know that the hon. member for Athabasca wants to speak on this important question, the