

House be suspended for one hour or until the ceremony unveiling the statue of the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson is completed.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier, on a point of order.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, whilst we are very happy with this proposal, since it came from this side, I wonder if the government would be ready to suspend the House until the ceremony is terminated? It could be one hour or when the ceremony is terminated.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, it is our understanding that when the ceremony is finished the bells will ring to call the members back. That would be fine with us. I should also mention that it is our understanding that the time allotted for this particular event will be added to the clock at the end of the day.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker.

We had agreed to a one-hour suspension of the sitting. If the House wishes to take an hour of its time to pay tribute to Mr. Pearson, that is fine, but we cannot agree to extending the sitting past 6 p.m.

[*English*]

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, in an effort to enable members of Parliament to attend the unveiling, may I suggest that we agree for the one hour break or as long as the ceremony lasts and terminate this session at six o'clock as per usual.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Government House Leader.

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Certainly, Mr. Speaker, we want to participate in honouring this great Canadian who did say, at the end of the day, the will of the House of Commons must prevail over the Senate. So, let us go and honour him.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: I have to advise the House that there seems to be a lot of consensus around here except as to whether or not we sit for another hour.

The hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, there are provisions in our Standing Order that could allow that. We will look into that.

Government Orders

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to what I think has been agreed, the House will adjourn at 3.30 p.m. for members to be able to attend the unveiling of the statue. It will be immediately after the vote which should take place shortly.

The hon. Government House Leader.

Mr. Andre: In anticipation of calling the vote, I believe there is agreement between the two whips that there will be a short bell, not the regular 15 minutes and we can have the vote immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, we just want to know what has finally been decided. Do we agree to withdraw for an hour to pay tribute to Mr. Pearson, come back and resume sitting until 6 p.m. as usual? Is that what we agreed?

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: No. What we have agreed to is that immediately after the vote, we adjourn for an hour or however long it takes to complete the ceremony in honour of the former Right Hon. Prime Minister of Canada. After that there will have to be some discussion as to whether or not there is provision or we are able to extend the sitting or not, that is a secondary question. I am trying to make it very clear that that is what we have agreed to at the moment.

It being 3 p.m. pursuant to order made Tuesday, September 25, 1990, the House will now resume consideration of the motion of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development respecting the situation at Oka and Châteauguay.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SITUATION AT OKA AND CHÂTEAUGUAY

The House resumed from Tuesday, September 25, consideration of motion of Mr. Siddon: