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clear need for a project in the National Capital Region, we must not delude ourselves into thinking that a pilot project in the National Capital Region is going to lead to conclusions that apply to situations in other parts of the country.

Second, I would like to point out to the minister that he is going astray, because it is obvious that in several areas of the country the teaching of a second language, be it French or English, is deteriorating instead of improving.

I would like to ask the minister if in the very near future and through the provinces he could get in touch with the authorities of English-speaking universities in Canada and ask them to reconsider as soon as possible the decision taken a few years ago not to require from students seeking admission to university a satisfactory knowledge of the second language.

In concluding my remarks, I would like to congratulate the minister for that achievement.

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, speaking after the previous speakers, I would like, on behalf of the Social Credit party, to congratulate the Minister for the initiative that he has taken in co-operation with the province of Ontario in order to launch a pilot project for a period of one year.

However, I see that foreigners are somewhat surprised when it is proclaimed throughout the country that there are two official languages in the National Capital. Reference is made to a second language when I go in Ontario; when I am in Quebec, the second language is English. It seems to me that in the National Capital, we should simply suggest a grant for the promotion of the French language in the National Capital.

A language, Mr. Speaker, as all are aware of it, cannot be forced upon anybody. Whether it is your first or your second language, the choice is up to you. I suggest that the hon. minister has taken the best course by giving all the English-speaking population in the National Capital area an opportunity to improve their knowledge of the French language and achieve thereby greater fulfillment and participation in Canadian life. Bilingualism cannot be forced upon Canada through legislation. I believe that projects like this one, attempting to involve the greatest possible number of English-speaking citizens, will achieve the best results. In Quebec, we are happy to involve the greatest possible number of French Canadians in learning English. Bilingualism broadens one's culture, whether it is English or French. It also is in keeping with the reality of a country like Canada.

Once more, I must congratulate the hon. minister as well as the Ontario School Boards for having concluded this agreement and I am sure there will be no regrets on any one's part and that both parliament and the province of Ontario will be commended for this move.

[Mr. Harney.]

INDUSTRY**U.S. PROTECTIONIST MEASURES AFFECTING MICHELIN TIRE COMPANY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Tétrault):

That this House address a note of protest to the government of the United States for having applied a clearly discriminatory measure against the Michelin industry in Canada as a result of the compensation paid to it by the Canadian government, and that this note read as follows:

The members of the House of Commons of Canada unanimously protest against the decision of the government of the United States to apply a discriminatory protectionist measure against the Michelin tire industry in Canada, and regret that said government of the United States takes so little note of Canadian economic planning while our country offers the United States, more than any other country, possibilities for advantageous exchanges and transactions in Canada. The members of the House of Commons of Canada sincerely hope that the measures taken against the Michelin Company will soon be dropped by the government of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move this motion of urgent necessity to prevent the government of the United States—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member cannot present arguments in support of his motion. Hon. members have heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau). Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion may not be put.

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[English]

SHIPPING**TABLING OF DARLING REPORT**

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table in French and English the Darling report on the payment of operating subsidies to United States shipping in the Great Lakes.

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HOUSING**TABLING OF LETTER FROM FEDERAL TO PROVINCIAL MINISTERS REQUESTING FREEZE ON RENTS PAID BY SENIOR CITIZENS**

Mr. Ian Watson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House the Minister of State for Urban Affairs said he