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QUESTION PERIOD

We will indeed put peacekeeping troops into the area. Mr. Vance, representing the Secretary-General, is in Belgrade now and his assistant is in Zagreb. We are in constant touch with the United Nations and with Mr. Vance. I spoke to him just before he left and told him at that point that Canada would be part of a peacekeeping effort, as the Prime Minister had said publicly and as we had urged the Security Council to take on. There will have to be another resolution at the Security Council I understand when Mr. Vance returns. We are in touch with our people at the UN as well as through our posts in all the Security Council countries to urge them to establish this so that we can get started.

Mr. Speaker: The time for Question Period has expired.

PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY

Mr. Speaker: I want to draw to the attention of members the presence in the gallery of Mr. Gordon Wilson, MLA, Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

POINT OF ORDER

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, during Question Period a supplementary answer was given by the President of the Treasury Board. I would certainly hope he will now table those figures. He indicated that I had the figures for informant programs run by at least five government ministries. I do not have those figures and they are not publicly available.

I would hope that the President of the Treasury Board will either correct the record or will in fact table those figures today.

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I have a point of clarification.

During Question Period the hon. member for Skeena alluded to such a program being in place. In his wording he could have left the impression that such a program was now in place in Environment Canada.

Just for the record I want to make it clear that no such program is now in place in Environment Canada.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on a point of order arising out of Question Period. It has to do with the question of the hon. member for Surrey being ruled out of order.

The member was asking a question about the government's response to a committee report tabled in this House. This report therefore is no longer the property of the committee but is something of which the House has been seized. He was asking the government a question about its particular response to that particular report. In the course of it he referred to Bill C-20 which is being debated in the House today. But the main point of the question had to do with the government's response to a committee report.

With respect, Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand why it was out of order.

Mr. Speaker: I could be incorrect but as I heard the question it seemed to me that it was going into the committee and in any event it seemed to be anticipating the Orders of the Day.

While there may be differences of opinion on it, that was my call. If I was in error then I can only express to the hon. member my regret. Perhaps the matter could be raised in another way at another time.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION ACT, 1991

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-20, an act to amend certain statutes to implement the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 1991, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Finance.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a), the House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred divisions on the motions at report stage of Bill C-20, an act to amend certain statutes to implement the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 1991, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Finance.