

Business of the House

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, Prime Minister St. Laurent may have said that in June. I have no problem with that. But, on September 1, 1950, he said this—

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Mulroney: He made the following statement to this House on September 1, 1950:

[*English*]

They (the Americans) were the only ground troops available to render immediate assistance to the arms of the South Koreans themselves, and they have done it in such a magnificent and heroic manner that it makes it, I think, all the more encouraging for other members of the United Nations to follow under their leadership.

That is what he said on September 1, 1950.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, we are debating a very important point here.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Chrétien: The Prime Minister is trying to imply that when the Canadian troops participated in the war in—

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: I have to say to hon. members that I have no authority to allow this to move into a debate.

Before asking hon. members to deal with the usual Thursday question, I understand the hon. member for Nepean is seeking the floor.

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POINT OF ORDER

ARAB CANADIANS

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have unanimous consent to propose a motion to be put forward without debate or amendment.

The motion is moved by myself and seconded by the members for Vancouver East and Pierrefonds—Dollard. It reads as follows:

That this House continue to have confidence in the loyalty of Arab Canadians and in their support of Canada at this time of global crisis; and

That this House condemns unequivocally any attempt to portray these communities as less than full members of Canadian society.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member have unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could have from the government at this time any indication as to what it intends to call this afternoon, tomorrow, Monday and possibly Tuesday of next week?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we will continue with the motion under debate.

In terms of the rest of this week, next week, and beyond, as usual I would not think of making proposals to the House until I have had conversations with my counterparts opposite that we usually have. I hope we can have those conversations very shortly.

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants): Mr. Speaker, on a supplementary to the point of order of the House leader, I tried to get your eye in the latter part of Question Period, but I understand the problems thereto.

Uncontaminated by House leaders' meetings, I would like to have asked during Question Period what the government House leader's thoughts are in bringing to a conclusion this most redundant debate that we are presently involved in.

In view of the hostilities last night, should we not have a vote to see who is on the side of the United Nations and who is not, so that we can then get on with other government business?

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Andre: As usual, the hon. member has the substance of the real question concerning further business. We have been debating this motion for some time now. It is a replication of two resolutions already passed last October and November. It is appropriate that it be brought to completion as soon as possible.