

unanimous consent from the House. That is, not only for the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe, but from all other members. This may be somewhat difficult to achieve, in view of present limitations. I now recognize the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe.

**Mr. Wagner:** Mr. Speaker, I was emphasizing the second point:

(2) Establish a national council for international cooperation, comprising representatives of various churches in the country, universities and Canadian groups with an interest in the Third World, in order to advise the government on a regular basis on its foreign aid policy.

(3) Consider, in consultation with provinces, the establishment of international development centres in our universities.

In conclusion, I say to all members on the government side: Let there be no misunderstanding about it. CIDA's philosophy and expenditures will from now on be closely scrutinized.

Because the validity of our foreign aid, the very credibility of our foreign aid policy and spokesman are involved.

• (1600)

In the course of this debate, my colleagues will take turns in trying to scrutinize the many aspects of foreign aid with the support of convincing facts, and by the end of this discussion, the people of Canada will have a better idea of how the government is performing and this, unfortunately, may create serious concern about the orientation and management of an operation which should be above suspicion.

**Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Is the hon. member for Lévis (Mr. Guay) rising to ask a question? He needs the unanimous consent of the House to do so. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** There not being unanimous consent, I must recognize the hon. member—

**Mr. Guay (Lévis):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Lévis is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Guay (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, granted that the other members could be accused of behaving somewhat as demagogues or of playing petty politics, as a member of Parliament from Quebec, I still want to speak to a question of privilege rather than to a point of order, because after having listened very carefully to the speech made by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner), I must—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I should like to know from the hon. member who seeks the floor on a point

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of order to indicate exactly the basis for rising on a point of order at this time. If it is merely a matter of a difference of opinion or if he questions the facts related by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner), it is not a point of order.

**Mr. Guay (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, here is my question of privilege. The hon. member, who is the opposition external affairs official critic, is misinforming the public. He asks a lot of questions to which answers are to be found in CIDA's annual report for 1973-74.

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Lévis is entitled to his own opinion even if it differs from that of the previous speaker, but I must remind him that he should express his own views in taking part in the debate when his turn comes.

[English]

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. At the start of the proceedings today there was a special order about the length of speeches: we reduced the time for ordinary members of the House so that more speeches could be made. Therefore, although I do not think there should be any objection to a few extra minutes being allowed the mover of the motion, beyond that I do not think there should be any extension of time. Otherwise what we did earlier would be in vain.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The suggestion has been made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that there be no further extension of time. Does the House agree that we make this an order, so it will be clear?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is so ordered.

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad the official opposition have brought forward a motion dealing with CIDA. May I make it clear at once that we in this party have supported and will continue to support the objectives of international aid, for which in this country CIDA is primarily responsible. Indeed, we believe that the volume of international aid should be increased by Canada and by all other developed nations according to the standards proposed in the Pearson report and accepted by the United Nations and the community of nations, which would require .7 per cent of the GNP to be contributed in direct aid. We regret that Canada has not lived up to this standard and we call for an advance to this level of international aid.

On the other hand, we believe that the operations of CIDA should be fully open to the public and parliament and there should be adequate scrutiny of its operations. We believe that this would strengthen, rather than weaken, the purposes of international aid. In general, we think there is a tendency on the part of governments and government departments and agencies to operate in an atmosphere of secrecy and to refuse to produce documents and reports. I adopt a statement made by the Secretary of