

Hopefully with the co-operation of my colleagues we may proceed through all stages of Bill C-37 this afternoon.

**Mr. Murphy:** Madam Speaker, there have been discussions and it is agreed that we would accept second reading on division because at this point we do not support the legislation.

**Mr. Nault:** Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Liberal Party, we very much agree with what the minister has said and we find it quite interesting that on the one hand the member who just spoke did not know whether his party was going to vote in favour or against and then the Whip for the NDP all of a sudden told us exactly how it was going to vote.

I sure wish the members would make up their minds so we could get this done with in a more amicable way.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Carried on division.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** It being one o'clock p.m., I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock p.m.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

#### RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean):** Mr. Speaker, racism is on the rise in Canada. This week at a Canadian Jewish Congress conference, Ottawa police reported that an incredible 38 per cent of all youth crime in the city this summer was racist crime. Thirty-eight per cent. Violent race riots have also occurred in Montreal and Halifax.

Just last weekend a revisionist who denied the holocaust tried to spread his lies just two blocks from this House. Closer to home, in this House yesterday a racist slur was uttered by a member of Parliament. What a fine role model for Canadians.

### S. O. 31

Six months ago I asked the Prime Minister what the government was doing to stop the spread of racism in Canada. He spoke eloquently but did not offer specifics. We do not need platitudes. We need action.

I will ask again; what does this government plan to do now to stop the alarming growth in race related hatred, violence and crime in Canada?

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[Translation]

#### NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

**Mrs. Gabrielle Bertrand (Brome—Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, this week, October 7-13, 1991, is National Family Week, sponsored by Family Service Canada.

This week is dedicated to public recognition of the contribution families make to the Canadian way of life. It is also a good time to highlight the activities undertaken by the Department of National Health and Welfare for Canadian families.

Over the years, the Department has launched many initiatives for this purpose, such as family allowances, child health and income security programs and the National Adoption desk. More recently, the Department has played a key role in initiatives against family violence and in the national anti-drug strategy.

Mr. Speaker, we hope that all these programs contribute to the greater physical and mental welfare of children and families.

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[English]

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North):** Mr. Speaker, Mogar Timber Mill Ltd., a small lumber processing firm in my riding of Surrey, B.C., is in danger of closing because of the government's mishandling of the GST.

The company has written to the government stating:

I have not received my GST refund cheques for the months of May, June, July and August 1991. This is a total amount of \$32,602 that is owing my company. There is no company that can survive when they have to pay out their profit and working capital. We are fed up with your system, we cannot figure out how this government can stay in power after causing so many small companies to shut down. You do not understand how important the working capital is to us.