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with members of the Hungarian community here in Canada. One of the things they very strongly desired was that the House of Commons might find a way to express unanimously its condemnation of the actions of the Romanian Government, and I am very happy that the House has been able to do this. I hope that it has the desired effect on the Romanian government.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I believe you will also find consent for the following motion as there has been discussion among the three parties. I move:

That, immediately following the vote on Bill C-28, the Right Hon. Secretary of State will make a statement concerning events in Panama and that his statement shall be followed by one speaker from the Liberals and one speaker from the NDP; that both speakers from these two parties will be given adequate time to respond to the statement and will not be restricted by the usual restrictions which apply to ministerial statements;

and that, following these three statements, the following adjournment motion will be deemed adopted:

That, when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until one o'clock p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1990, provided that the Speaker may recall the House at anytime before that date for the sole purpose of Royal Assent; and

that, the number of allotted days in the period ending not later than March 26, 1990, be reduced from nine to eight; and

that, the mid-winter break week for 1990, when the House will not sit, be from the time of adjournment on Friday, February 23 to one o'clock p.m. on Monday, March 5, 1990.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the House. If I could ask consent, there is a further motion regarding the sitting hours for Mondays. Unfortunately, the House leader has that motion with him and I do not have a copy. If we could have consent later in the afternoon to come back to that, I would be happy to move the motion at that time.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the House that the motion that we adopted to adjourn the House later this day states that when the House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until 1 p.m. Monday, January 22, 1990. I take it that the House knew what it was doing then and that we would not have to come back and do anything else but comply with the adopted motion as agreed.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry. The motion as I read it was passed to the table officers. I do not have a copy in front of me to verify the wording. Of course, what we were looking for was to come back at the usual time on Monday, January 22, 1990, for the usual procedures.

• (1620)

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I apologize for the confusion. It may have something to do with the Christmas recess that seems to be coming upon us and certainly has come upon me.

It may help if I also move the following motion:

That, effective on the first Monday the House sits in January, 1990 and on each subsequent Monday until further Order, the hours of sitting and the arrangement of business for Mondays be as follows:

- 1) The House to sit at 1.00 p.m., with Private Members' Business following Prayers, until 2.00 p.m.;
- 2) Statements by Members at 2.00 p.m.;
- 3) Oral Questions at 2.15 p.m.;
- 4) Routine Proceedings at 3.00 p.m., followed by Government Orders until 7.00 p.m.;
- 5) Adjournment Proceedings at 7.00 p.m.; and

That the appropriate changes be made to the next printing of the Standing Orders by the Speaker and the Clerk.

I believe that takes care of all of it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is there agreement to adopt the motion?