

**Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, this is not the first time that this question has been raised. I indicated some 10 days ago that this was one of the many options that the federal-provincial committee was studying.

As far as the timing of an announcement is concerned, there is a timetable of the media, there is a timetable of the Opposition, and our timetable will be that established by the industry people themselves.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** On a point of order the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary.

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### POINT OF ORDER

INTERJECTION OF HON. MEMBER FOR HAMILTON EAST

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, this morning in the heat of debate while we were discussing the motion presently before the House, in checking the "blues", the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps), in referring to Bill C-84 and Bill C-55, the immigration Bills presently before the House, stated that it is a racist move and they know it. I believe that those comments are totally unfounded, totally untrue, and are unworthy of the Hon. Member accusing the Government of such a thing. I would ask that she unequivocally withdraw those remarks.

**Ms. Copps:** No way.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I will have a look at the "blues" myself and rule on it later today or tomorrow.

**Mr. Gauthier:** You can't have that.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member for Hamilton East on a point of order.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, if the "blues" are referred to—

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Why don't you listen to the other side for a change—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I beg your pardon. Would the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques like to repeat what he said?

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** —to hear the other side?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** When the Hon. Member rises I will hear the other side, otherwise there is not very much I can do. Now that the Hon. Member has risen I will listen to her. The Hon. Member for Hamilton East.

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I think you will realize that two Members on the opposition side have risen. Indeed, I referred to a racist move by the Government.

### Extension of Sitzings

Perhaps you could refer to Beauchesne's, Mr. Speaker. First, I did not state an individual. I did not say the Hon. Member for Brampton—Georgetown (Mr. McDermid) was racist, although he could very well fight the deal. I said that it was a racist move on the part of the Government, and I stand by that. There is absolutely nothing unparliamentary about that comment.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I have no problem with those remarks. I will check the "blues" tomorrow, and if there is a problem I will naturally rule.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

MOTION TO EXTEND HOURS OF SITTING

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Lewis (p. 16379) and the amendment of Mr. Guilbault, Saint-Jacques (p. 16387).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** When the House rose at one o'clock p.m., the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands had the floor, and he has three minutes left to complete his debate.

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I was speaking to Motion No. 26 which will extend the sitting of the House into the summer with extended hours. Our contention, of course, is that the Government wants this motion in order that it can force through Bill C-130 which puts into place the Mulroney—Reagan trade deal. The Government is using this legislation by exhaustion to force upon the people of Canada a piece of legislation for which the Government has no mandate. Instead of pushing this legislation through the Government should call an election.

I urge the Government to reconsider its whole approach to this legislation. The Progressive Conservatives have a proud record in opposition of opposing this type of imposition of law through closure. They are trying to push through Motion No. 26 today by closure. In 1956 the Progressive Conservatives stood very strongly against the imposition of closure by the Liberal Government of Louis St. Laurent. In the Trudeau years the Conservatives were very strong against the Government's use of closure. As I quoted earlier in my speech, the Progressive Conservatives used inflammatory language, speaking of jackboot democracy and so on. Now, when they are on the other side of the House, they are using exactly the same tactics.

I ask government Members to reconsider their approach. They will be in opposition soon enough themselves. They will regret the fact that they have thrown the whole parliamentary calendar, the whole business of parliamentary reform, into the ashcan for the sake of a very short-term advantage in the