Government orders

Today, you will have heard all the speakers of all other parties except one from the Bloc Québécois. We have had enough. Let him now be heard!

Madam Deputy Speaker: There is a motion before the House. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon, members: No.

[English]

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

Madam Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Madam Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 297)

YEAS

Members

Duceppe Lapierre Tremblay (Rosemont) - 7

Edmonston Leblanc (Longueuil) Rocheleau

NAYS

Members

Andre Campbell (Vancouver Centre) Collins

Dorin Fontaine Lopez McKnight

[Translation]

Clark (Brandon-Souris) Della Noce Epp

MacDougall (Timiskaming) Mifflin-16

Madam Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion lost. Debate. The hon, member for Laval-East.

• (1740)

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): Madam Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to speak. If my colleagues would only listen, I have things to say to them.

Madam Speaker, when the Hibernia project was under consideration some months ago, I was very much in favour of it but after some discussion, I must say it no longer appealed to me, because the province of Quebec was not getting much out of it.

Back then in 1988, one of our members—the hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean, now leader of the Bloc Québécois—was Quebec's political minister and Minister of the Environment. He sat on the priority committee and approved the project with a guarantee of two million man-hours for Newfoundland, but none for Canada or Quebec. The people of his group are now turning this House into a circus. Whenever my children watch the proceedings on television, Madam Speaker, they ask me serious questions about the House. I do not know if it is due to the fact the hon. member for Shefford lacks experience or has been here too long, but I was so ashamed when I saw those people show no respect for the Speaker. The things we heard in this House! In the six years I have been here, Madam Speaker, I have witnessed stormy debates and fights, but I was really ashamed of what I saw today. Anyway, Madam Speaker, people on the other side tried to talk about the project, but they spent much more time talking about the rules of the House they still do not know very well. We talked about Hibernia, about the fact it does not bring enough economic spin-offs to Quebec. As I said, there were none at the time.

But I can tell you that there are members on this side of the House, like the hon. member for Lévis, who understood and went out to get their share. At the last meeting I attended, we were given background information on this matter, but someone stood up, Madam Speaker, and I regret that he is not here because I will mention his name, and I don't usually mention the name of a member who is absent from the House. Somebody even told me-

I accept your remarks, Madam Speaker. It's a shame that one of the members whose riding will benefit from the economic impact of the Hibernia project left the party and is now on the other side, trying to turn this