Point of Order

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Charles DeBlois (Montmorency—Orléans) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-307, an Act to change the name of the electoral district of Langelier.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Does the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. DeBlois: Madam Speaker, the hon. member for Langelier and Minister of State (Finance), Mr. Gilles Loiselle, has asked me to table this bill. Its purpose is to change the name of the electoral district of Langelier to Québec and thus make the name of the riding more representative of the communities which together form the City of Quebec. In fact, my own riding is right next door. I welcome this opportunity to table this bill.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[English]

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Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-308, an act to change the name of the electoral district of Selkirk.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon, member shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Bjornson: Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure to stand for the first time as a new member to present a private members' bill. This bill is important because we wish to change the name of the electoral district of Selkirk.

What we bring to this recommended name change is the feeling that everybody who is within what is now called the electoral district of Selkirk has the ability not only to deal with their member of Parliament but with their whole community. So I am looking forward to debate when this does come up.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, I wish to raise a point of order regarding notice of a motion appearing on the Order Paper for Monday, June 4, on pages 12 and 13, under the item "Motions".

Madam Speaker, the Official Opposition maintains that the motion is erroneously listed under this item and that in doing so the government has made use of an unusual and possibly irregular procedure. I will give a short explanation, Madam Speaker, of my reasons for making this claim.

The notice of motion concerning the appointment, by the Minister of Justice, of two individuals, one as Information Commissioner and the other as Privacy Commissioner, was given, at least publicly, on June 1, last Friday. This notice of motion appears on page IV of the *Order Paper* under the item "Notices of Motions".

Madam Speaker, it is customary when the government tables motions for these to be transferred to government orders. I made a quick search, and I can say that although the Standing Orders were amended in 1987, if I am not mistaken, the old Standing Orders provided that when a notice of motion given by the government was called, the Chair was to transfer the motion to government orders.

Since 1987, this has happened automatically, unless—and that is the point I wish to make—the government decides to proceed by notice of motion, under the item "routine proceedings", which is now before the House. To us there is a rather considerable difference, which