

*Government Orders*

There is the question of our \$150 million line of credit to help improve distribution and our technical assistance, both of which were based on Mr. Gorbachev's undertaking to the Prime Minister that there would be no crackdown in the Baltics.

There is the concern of many thousands of Canadians of origin in the Baltic states, all of which I agree with when my friend suggests having a debate at a suitable time to discuss this very important issue.

## SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** I have heard both the hon. member for Parkdale—High Park and the hon. member for Edmonton Southeast on an application for an emergency debate relating to events in Lithuania.

I want to remind hon. members that yesterday in the House by unanimous consent, it was resolved:

That this House condemns the brutal and unacceptable Soviet crackdown in Lithuania, and calls upon President Gorbachev and U.S.S.R. authorities to refrain from using further violence against the people and democratically elected governments of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia;

That this House appeals to the U.S.S.R. to adhere to its obligations under the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris, and to seek solutions consistent with respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms; and

That, recognizing the continuing Canadian government policy not to recognize the *de jure* annexation of the Baltic states, this House recalls its resolution of March 1990 and continues to support the right of the Baltic peoples to determine their own future.

• (1520)

I depart from usual practice to bring that to the attention of the House because we have here significant development in that there is a unanimous motion dealing with the subject and, of course, hon. members know that it has been dealt with and may well be dealt with in the next few days again in Question Period.

Under the circumstances and given the other things that must be debated, it would not be appropriate to move today to a special debate. But I do want it made very clear how all members of this House on both sides are treating the matter as one of very great urgency and importance and also that they have passed a very strong and unanimous resolution.

I thank the hon. members for raising the matter.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

## SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS

The House resumed from Tuesday, January 15, consideration of the motion of Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):

That this House reaffirms its support of the United Nations in ending the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait.

And the amendment of Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):

That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word "Kuwait" the following:

"through the continued use of economic sanctions, such support to exclude offensive military action by Canada at this time."

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce will have the floor and I will come to him in a moment. Before that, I am required to present to the House a ruling on the sub-amendment.

## SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** Last night, during the course of the debate on the motion of the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs, and on the amendment of the hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona proposed to move an amendment to the amendment. The text of that amendment reads:

That the amendment be amended by deleting all the words after the word "sanctions" and substituting the following:

"such support to exclude the involvement by Canada in a military attack on Iraq or Iraqi forces in Kuwait and to encompass diplomatic initiatives including settlement of border and other disputes through UN mediation or the International Court of Justice, promotion of democratization throughout the region, establishment of a mechanism to reduce the arms trade and to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, and the convening of an international peace conference to discuss all outstanding Middle East issues."

The Chair took the proposed subamendment under advisement, and I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

Beauchesne's fourth edition, Citation 202, paragraph (3) states clearly:

Since the purpose of a subamendment is to alter the amendment, it should not enlarge upon the scope of the amendment—if it is intended to bring up matters foreign to the amendment, the member should wait until the amendment is disposed of and move a new amendment.