

which are unparliamentary, so I cannot accept the question of privilege of the hon. member. It is the impression of the Chair that there is not unanimous consent to suspend private members' hour.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw the request I made. I had the impression that the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. O'Connell) had remained in Toronto due to travel difficulties. I was surprised when I saw him after I made the request. I did not expect the hon. member would be here to sponsor Bill C-1001, so I assumed we could go ahead with Bill C-11.

Mr. O'Connell: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the comments of the hon. member and I am pleased that he will withdraw his suggestion, but I have been in the House this afternoon.

Mr. Peters: I am sorry; I did not see the hon. member.

Mr. Symes: A question of privilege, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I hope it is not related to the point we have just disposed of.

Mr. Symes: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. O'Connell) accused hon. members in my party of conducting a filibuster. I dispute that. That has a negative overtone which Your Honour said was not there. My definition of the word "filibuster" is "deliberate delay". We are examining the bill and bringing out our criticisms of it. I do not think that should be complained about.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the hon. member's remarks demonstrate that the Chair was right. The hon. member is disputing the point of view of another hon. member. What I said was that although the remarks of the hon. member for Scarborough East might have been interpreted as a reflection upon hon. members, in my judgment it was not a reflection imputing motives. In my mind, and I am sure in the minds of hon. members, words used in debate blaming other hon. members of delaying legislation have been used very regularly in this House. Perhaps using the word "filibuster" might not be pleasant—

Mr. Rodriguez: Terrible; absolutely shameful.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: —or one of the best of our parliamentary practices, but I feel that the point raised by the hon. member does not represent a question of privilege.

Bell Canada

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment at 10 p.m. are as follows: the hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Alkenbrack)—Penitentiaries—Millhaven—Reason for withholding names of inmates involved in hostage-taking; the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth)—Public Service—Delay in contract negotiations with nurses in Inuvik area—Request for report; the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall)—Industry—Pulp and paper—Effect on Canadian industry of loans to foreign countries to establish plants.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper. As there are no notices of motions (papers) listed, the House will proceed to the consideration of private bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

[*English*]

BELL CANADA

The House resumed, from Thursday, November 24, consideration of the motion of Mr. O'Connell that Bill C-1001, respecting Bell Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Leggatt.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I had just commenced my remarks prior to six o'clock last week and I wish to complete them in the time allotted to me.

At the outset I would like to say that I never thought I would live long enough to see the feelings of my colleague, the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), hurt so much.

An hon. Member: That ought to go down in *Hansard* as the joke of the century.

Mr. Benjamin: If the hon. member's feelings are hurt and he feels wounded by the remarks of my good friend, the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. O'Connell), hon. members can imagine how I must feel.

An hon. Member: You are grinning from ear to ear.

Mr. Benjamin: I really do not care what the hon. member for Scarborough East wants to call our participation in the debate on Bill C-1001. If he chooses to call it a filibuster, there really is not much the hon. member for Nickel Belt can do about that. If the hon. member wants to call our exercising