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**Mr. Otto:** I move that recommendation be made to the House that the petition be received and that Standing Orders 90 and 91 (3) (a) and (c) be suspended.

**The Chairman:** This has the effect of waiving all charges, so that there is approval of the late filing. All those in favour?

Motion agreed to

**The Chairman:** This meeting stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Mr. Marcel Joyal, O.C. (Parliamentary Agent):** To answer your question, Mr. Chairman, the agreement between the Boy Scouts of Canada and what will be known as the Association des Scouts du Canada was reached very late in 1968 or early in 1969. The petition was originally presented on March 10, 1969 through the Senate. At this particular time it would appear of course that your recommendation that it be considered for late filing is an important one. I am hopeful you will see your way clear to do this in these circumstances.

**Mr. Otto:** Can the parliamentary agent explain why they are late?

**The Chairman:** You were going to introduce Mr. Joyal's Bill.

**Mr. Joyal:** I believe, Mr. Chairman, I believe you are aware of the petition you have at hand at the moment in relation to this bill. The bill was presented to the Senate and approved as Bill No. 8-30 on Thursday, June 12, 1969.

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