

What we took issue with yesterday was the minister using an interpretation of the rules of the House which was subsequently not validated by the Speaker in order to not answer the question. What we needed either from the Speaker was an instruction that this not happen in the future or an admission by the government House leader that that was not the way he should have dealt with it. I think that is what we just got and perhaps the matter can rest there.

It was certainly never the case that the admissibility of the question was at issue. Whether or not the question was in order was not what was at issue yesterday. Certainly if that had been the case, Madam Speaker would have said something about that. She did not.

What was at issue was whether or not the answer was in order, because it gave what we thought at the time, and still do, and what Madam Speaker appeared to think yesterday, an interpretation to the rules of this House which we felt set a bad precedent. If I understand everything that has been said here today, we agree on that and perhaps the matter does not need to be pursued any further.

**Mr. Andre:** Except for one thing, the hon. member's question was out of order. It was not a supplementary to the previous question. It was a total distortion.

I will say this about the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona. I want to congratulate him for not screaming and yelling at the top of his lungs today like he did yesterday.

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. member rises further, I will hear him.

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, I want to wind up the matter. I see the government House leader has left. I just want to point out very quietly that he is not the Speaker, he is the government House leader and maybe he should remember that.

I want to thank you for hearing me on the point. I accept the government House leader's acknowledgement that he has a different view today than he had yesterday.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the hon. member.

*Routine Proceedings*

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[*English*]

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS**

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to several petitions.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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**CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION**

**TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1990-91 CROP YEAR**

**Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of State for Grains and Oilseeds, I am very pleased to table, in both official languages, the annual report for the 1990-91 crop year of the Canadian Grain Commission, pursuant to section 15 of the Canada Grain Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), this document is deemed permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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**BILL C-61**

**REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE C**

**Mr. René Soetens (Ontario):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of Legislative Committee C on Bill C-61, an act to provide Borrowing Authority for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1992, without amendment.

I would also like to acknowledge the fine co-operation I received from the members of all three parties who participated on this committee.