Committee Reports

(1110)

We have not opposed the recalling of the House for the Bill that will be before us today, but I want to stress that in not opposing this step we do not consider that we are creating a precedent. Above all, the rules in the spirit of reform must prevail. I want to make that very clear on behalf of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, first on behalf of our House Leader, who cannot be here today, I want to congratulate the new Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) and House Leader of the Government.

Second, I want to say that we also give our consent for the House Order today which basically says we are going to consider the amendment made by the Senate to Bill C-67, have Oral Question Period and Statements by Members. If our understanding is correct, at three o'clock, if the debate is continuing, it will continue until completed, whatever hour that may be.

I want to say, as did the House Leader for the Official Opposition, that we do not consider the recall of Parliament at this time to be necessary. We do have a fixed parliamentary calendar, a fixed parliamentary schedule, and Standing Order 5 was there for an emergency. We now find ourselves back in the House because the Government did not complete its legislative agenda at the end of June in spite of the fact that we sat extended hours for a couple of weeks to do just that.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, this recall of Parliament should not constitute a precedent, especially within the context of our parliamentary reform. This recall of Parliament must not be allowed to become a precedent, because Members need the summer recess to do their work in their ridings.

[English]

With that, Mr. Speaker, we agree to the House order.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) have the unanimous consent of the House to move his motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, in the understandable absence of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights—and I am sorry he is not here to present this report as his last parliamentary act—it gives me pleasure and an honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Human Rights in both official languages to which, pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), the Committee requests a comprehensive response—

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the report refers to sanctions and asks the Government, if no progress has been made on the question of Namibia and South Africa between now and September 30, to consider imposing total sanctions against South Africa.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

PETITIONS

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NCC PARKLAND

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition signed by 52 residents of my riding and some from the National Capital Region who continue to express their opposition to the National Capital Commission's plan to destroy a piece of parkland in our region for the purpose of creating embassy sites.

CANADA POST—DOOR-TO-DOOR MAIL DELIVERY IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of residents of the Orleans area of the great riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell asking for the Government of Canada to intervene in the arbitrary and unfair decision of the Canada Post Corporation not to have full door-to-door mail delivery service in new subdivisions in my riding and elsewhere.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.