

Government Orders

CSCE or whatever. It should be an attempt to try to get this forum to broaden its view about Canada's roles and responsibilities internationally. If we do not do that and we allow these matters simply to happen in an unexamined, unthoughtful way, we are going to be meandering down a road full of treacherous turns and curves and heading for trouble. If we are prepared to accept the real responsibility of this Parliament to work through seriously what this new world looks like, what is expected of Canada and how we see the multilateral international groups we belong to acting in these cases, we will be properly earning our keep as legislators on behalf of the Canadian people.

• (1650)

I address a plea to this House to begin to focus on the issue of Haiti. It is a poor, desperate country, tragic in its deprivation and even more tragic in the denial of rights and the imposition of dictatorship. They made a valiant effort to change that by voting in a constitutional presidency. We must now keep the faith with those people. We must show that we have not forgotten their commitment. We must do everything possible in our own powers as a country, as a member of the OAS and as a member of the United Nations to reignite world interest in the plight of the Haitians and to say to them that they are not forgotten. We must continue to do our best to bring about the restoration of a democratic regime and fair and just development in that fellow country of the western hemisphere.

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PATENT ACT

NOTICE OF ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER REPORT
AND THIRD READING STAGES OF BILL C-91

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 78(1) or (2) with respect to report stage and third reading of Bill C-91, an act to amend the Patent Act, to amend another act in consequence thereof and to provide for other related matters.

Therefore, under the provision of Standing Order 78(3), I give notice of my intention to move a time allocation motion at the next sitting of the House for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours

for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at the said stages.

Some hon. members: Shame, shame.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I simply want to say how disappointed we are to hear the hon. minister give this notice. We have concerns about the incredible haste at which Bill C-91 is being forced through the parliamentary system.

I want to use this as an opportunity to give notice as well—

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order. The minister is only giving notice. You will have to wait for the matter to be brought to the House, if the government decides to follow through with it. Only then will the hon. government leader or any other member be able to voice their opinion. Right now, we only have a notice before the House, notice that might or might not be followed through by the government, according to its good pleasure.

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC MEASURES ACT

REGULATIONS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre) (p. 14873).

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, before commenting on this motion I might express my sense of disappointment that not one member of the government, of the Conservative caucus, is prepared to participate in this profoundly important debate about the tragic situation in Haiti.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think the hon. member is making an assumption which is groundless. He is also dangerously trespassing on the rule of pointing out who or who is not in the Chamber.

Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would not want to presume upon the integrity of the parliamentary secretary, but I think it would be in order to ask if there is any intention by the Secretary of State for External Affairs or her