

Government Orders

• (1510)

One of the things that the Speaker did—and since he cannot speak for himself, I will speak on his behalf—was to write to Supply and Services and ask if it would please change its insane policy of not making environmentally friendly products, including recycled paper available. I am glad the minister has got the word out via his householder. Certainly the claim he makes in the House may not stand up to the light of day. It may be transparent and bleached white.

However, I think it should be pointed out for the benefit of all in the House and in the country that the person who is really moving to make this Parliament an environmentally friendly place is the Speaker of the House of Commons, and for that he should be getting the credit and we should be getting off our partisan high horses.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I naturally thank the hon. member for Hamilton East for her very cogent intervention.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: There are other members seeking the floor, but I do not know whether I dare, after that, let anybody take away from the stirring phrases which all members of the House have heard.

I will take this matter under advisement and report back to the House as soon as possible.

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, I rose on the point of order prior to other speakers, and I guess it was just an oversight on your part that you did not recognize me.

On the same point of order, prior to seeing the minister's householder, I advised my staff to check to see whether or not our next householder, which is going to print very soon, could be printed on recycled paper and we were told yes. Today I hear that that is not so. Therefore, it would be of great help if we could get a clear answer very quickly as to whether we can use this paper. The same privileges should be extended to all members of this House, not only to the Minister of Supply and Services.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the Hon. Member for Parkdale—High Park. I did not realize he was rising on that point of order. I thank the hon. member for his intervention.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill S-5, an Act to authorize the Safeguard Life Assurance Company to be continued as a corporation under the laws of the Province of Quebec, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL**TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS**

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table in both official languages a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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PETITIONS**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the Government's response to petitions. I will not read the numbers because the list is obviously fairly extensive. There are some 400 petitions, and I would be happy to table them.

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

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Hon. Frank Oberle (for the Prime Minister) moved that Bill C-29, an Act to establish the Department of Forestry, to amend the Forestry Development and Research Act and to make related amendments to other Acts, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.