It has not been possible to arrange an exchange of positions in order of precedence pursuant to Standing Order 94. Accordingly, I am directing the table officers to drop the item of business to the bottom of the order of precedence. The hour for Private Members' Business will thus be cancelled and pursuant to Standing Order 94, the House will continue with the business before it prior to that hour.

In accordance with Standing Order 94, notice was published for consideration today of a motion standing in the name of the hon. member for Essex—Windsor. Since the member is not present to move his motion at this time, the motion will, in accordance with Standing Order 42, be dropped to the bottom of the Order Paper.

#### SITTING SUSPENDED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There being no business before the House at this time, is it the wish of the House to suspend the sitting to the call of the Chair?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The sitting of the House was suspended at 2.14 p.m.

#### SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 4 p.m.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): 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 C-49, an act to provide for the resumption of certain government services, without amendment.

[Translation]

# THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

# Royal Assent

Rideau hall Ottawa,

December 15, 1989

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. John Sopinka, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 15th day of December, 1989, at 3:45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills

Yours sincerely,

Léopold H. Amyot Secretary to the Governor General

# THE ROYAL ASSENT

[English]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber, the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-49, an act to provide for the resumption of certain government services—Chapter No. 24.

Bill C-10, an act relating to the forgiveness of debts incurred or assumed in respect of certain official development assistance loans made by the Government of Canada to the governments of certain countries in sub-Saharan Africa—Chapter No. 25.

Bill C-36, an act to amend the Advance Payments for Crops Act and the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act—Chapter No. 26.

It being 4.16 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 4.16 p.m.