

have to make sure that national safety standards are in place and that those boards will follow those safety requirements, otherwise we are in for a very difficult time.

• (1730)

I am sure that my friend from Agincourt will want to address that issue when he makes his remarks.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Before I recognize the hon. member for Saskatoon—Dundurn, I notice that the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier paid respects to the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce for his 25 years as a member of Parliament. I would like to bring to the attention of the House that the hon. member for Victoria—Haliburton, the hon. member for Annapolis Valley—Hants and the hon. member for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, have served here for 25 years as of tomorrow, so I think that is worth recognition.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. There is another question or comment. The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

[Translation]

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier on an excellent speech, and always, short and sweet.

Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. member. I realize that the Committee on Official Languages, established pursuant to certain legislative provisions recommended that the government report to the committee on the procedure adopted by the government to implement the Official Languages Act. I wonder what the committee will do in the absence of a report that has yet to be presented to the committee.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, the Standing Orders of the House require the government to respond to any report tabled by a standing or special committee. I am referring to Standing Order 109: Within 150 days of the presentation of a report from a standing or special committee, the government shall table a comprehensive report.

Government Orders

Mr. Speaker, this week, the 150 days provided under the Standing Orders expired. I hope that this week, the government will respond to the Committee on Official Languages and inform the House of its position on regulations arising from the Official Languages Act, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for the information concerning the four members of the House who are celebrating their anniversary. That is very interesting and very commendable news. These are very interesting and commendable people with whom I have had some dealings since I came here two years ago, two years short two weeks since the election. They have certainly been a great help to us. However, it is not as good as the 1992 election will be.

An hon. member: Two more years to go.

Mr. Fisher: That is right, two more years.

Getting back to Bill C-85, it is described as an act to provide for certain matters respecting official languages, employees' pensions and labour relations in connection with the transfer of certain airports.

I listened to the minister and I congratulate him for having stayed around for the two subsequent speeches, but I really am at somewhat of a loss to understand where in his speech he made any relevant reference, any meaningful reference to the specifics of what is in the bill. I am rather glad that he did not because it gives me an opportunity to make reference to some of the things he talked about although he may have been speaking in a rather oblique way.

The minister talked about efficiency, better service, cost efficiency, entrepreneurship. I see those things relating to privatization, as one of the previous members mentioned.

I see it being referred to as well as deregulation, to which one of the previous speakers referred. He had a third, and I guess it could be referred to as the "pillar", as we have been talking a lot about pillars in connection with the banking industry. I think they could also be referred to as the three pillars of Progressive Conservative philosophy of the last two years since I came into the House, namely, deregulation, privatization and free