

POINT OF ORDER

MR. JAMIESON—TABLING OF NOTES TO RUSSIA RESPECTING SATELLITE DEBRIS

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I did not hear whether hon. members opposite wished me to table copies of the notes with regard to the Cosmos satellite.

Mr. Speaker: I presume it is the desire of the House that the documents be tabled. With permission, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson) could table the documents forthwith.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

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Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, you will recall that yesterday an arrangement was made for consultation among House leaders as to when the allotted day scheduled for yesterday would be rescheduled. I understand that it has been arranged to have that allotted day scheduled for Monday, which is the only time it could be reasonably scheduled, that there will be a vote, and that the order will be the matter raised in the name of the Leader of the New Democratic Party on the status of women and the government's failure with respect thereto, which latter is well known throughout the country.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I was rising on the same subject. There were discussions yesterday, and I believe it is agreed that the allotted day we were to have had yesterday will be re-scheduled for Monday. It is true that if the deputy government House leader will designate Monday as an allotted day the motion which was filed yesterday will be filed again in the name of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. It does concern the status of women, and we shall be asking for a vote at 9.45 Monday evening.

While I am on my feet, I believe it is also understood that Tuesday will be an opposition day. I believe it is the official opposition which will have the day. However, if that is the case, both Monday and Tuesday need to be designated.

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, I agree that there has been an accommodation reached with respect to the designation of Monday as an opposition day to replace the one which was set aside yesterday. I gather it will be assigned to the New Democratic Party. As I indicated yesterday in the House of Commons, Tuesday will also be designated as an opposition day, and I gather it will be assigned to the official opposition.

Mr. Speaker: That designation having taken place is it agreed that Monday will be an allotted day, that the motion will be the subject matter which was to have been raised

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yesterday, that that will lead to a vote at 9.45, and that Tuesday will also be designated an allotted day?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

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MR. MUIR—PROCEEDINGS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, earlier today you very graciously and kindly allowed me to pose a question to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro). I received what I thought was quite a reasonable answer. I then pursued my question further with the minister in charge of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, who replied but did not say whether he was prepared to meet with the union concerned. I do not question Your Honour's wisdom, but in your wisdom you did not allow me a further supplementary, as you do many others in this House.

I just want the record to show that in my almost 21 years here I have not abused the rules of this House. The Chair can check that with its advisers. I speak on behalf of my people. When problems occurred in Sudbury, we heard about them day after day, and rightly so, but we also have serious problems on Cape Breton Island. I want the record to show that I attempted to do what I could but was prevented from following up my question by Your Honour.

I wanted to see if the minister, who is a very cordial and usually co-operative minister, is able to meet with the United Mine Workers of America.

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Muir: Canada does not stop at Montreal. There is a lot of country beyond Montreal.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I hope the hon. member will realize that the questions he put forward today took the form of representations.

Mr. Muir: No.

Mr. Speaker: The first question was whether the minister was prepared to have a meeting, and the hon. member asked a second question. Both of those questions in their very basic form were representations. I still let them go because I thought the hon. member was proceeding, with the best of motivations, to pursue a difficult problem in his own constituency. I allowed both questions to go, and although they were in fact representations asking the minister to meet, they were both answered at some length, particularly by the minister responsible for DREE.

I thought it was a rather long and complete answer and that, in fairness, other hon. members ought to have a chance to put their grievances, particularly since I thought the hon. member