

Routine Proceedings

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will just say that the hon. member will not have time to complete his remarks if he wants to get this put through. Otherwise, I will recognize the hon. member from Restigouche—Chaleur.

Mr. Arseneault: Mr. Speaker, I just want to set the record straight. It seems as if a wrong impression is being given. I want it categorically stated to the Canadian people that the Liberal party is against the GST. Today we were supposed to debate environmental matters. The NDP has always claimed a monopoly on that. Now we know words are cheap over there. We have the monopoly on the environment. We are the party of the environment, not the NDP.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Regina—Qu'Appelle.

Mr. de Jong: Mr. Speaker, I want to register a point of privilege. I rose on several occasions to stand in this House to register my point of order. You chose to ignore me. I rose on a point of privilege that I understand takes precedence over points of order, and you still refused to hear me, Mr. Speaker.

I first and foremost wish to register my complaint at not being recognized on my point of privilege.

The second point is on the point of order that I wish to present to you and to this House. I first would like you to rule on my point of privilege, that you did not hear me, while I understand that points of privilege take precedence over points of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I did not hear the hon. member because there was too much noise. If he does not complete his remarks right now, I will call it six o'clock.

Mr. de Jong: Mr. Speaker, the remark I wish to make is that we have seen this government choose every means available to it to push through legislation. This government has used closure more than any other government. At times it has ripped up the Standing Orders in order to allow the free trade agreement to go through. It is the job of the opposition to use every means available—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being six o'clock p.m., it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to Standing Order 81(17), proceedings on the motion have expired.

Therefore, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The House adjourned at 6.00 p.m.