

*Government Orders**[English]*

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I think there is unanimous agreement in the House that when the House adjourns this day after completion of the business of the House it would be deemed to be adjourned as of tomorrow at the normal hour of adjournment. In other words, for all purposes June 23 in the standing orders would be counted as June 22 in the standing orders and accordingly when the House adjourns tonight it will be adjourned until September 19. If there is that understanding I think we can proceed as indicated.

Mr. Hermanson: Mr. Speaker, in negotiations with the other parties in the House we had come to an understanding that in spite of the fact that closure had been invoked on this bill yesterday we would have 20 minutes to speak to both bills, C-34 and C-33.

If in fact we do not have 20 minutes to speak to this bill then we will deny unanimous consent to adjourn today.

[Translation]

Mr. Duceppe: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is indeed that the Reform Party will have 20 minutes. I think that there is unanimous consent on both sides of the House to give them 20 minutes, just as there is to give the leader of the NDP 20 minutes.

[English]

Mr. Hermanson: Mr. Speaker, I have a little problem with the math because the first hon. member who spoke has taken almost 40 minutes. If we give another hon. member 20 minutes of course then the debate would suspend. Therefore we cannot give unanimous consent unless we are assured by all members of this House that we will have the 20 minutes that were agreed to.

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I think the agreement is that the House will adjourn tonight and the standing order will be treated as though it were adjourning on June 23, that there will be 20 minutes allotted to the hon. member for Yukon, 20 minutes allotted to one of the members of the Reform Party before the question is put, pursuant to the special order adopted yesterday. I think that would solve the problem.

I understand also that the hon. member for Churchill will need another two minutes to complete his remarks. I think that might be included in the whole arrangement if that is satisfactory to all hon. members. If so I think we might proceed on that understanding.

Mr. Hermanson: Mr. Speaker, I would like a ruling from the Chair that this is in fact possible under the closure motion that has been put forward and the time allocation of one hour, that this House can assure that Reform MPs will have either one member for 20 minutes or two members for 10 minutes to speak to Bill C-33.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Just so I understand as clearly as everyone else here, this agreement would only apply to the legislation that we are presently debating, that is C-33, and no other legislation afterwards. This is just applicable to C-33. Is that a clear understanding?

Mr. Hermanson: Mr. Speaker, we had agreement that all parties would have 20 minutes to speak to Bills C-33 and C-34. We are asking for that agreement to be kept.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Let me continue these negotiations. I am not trying to drag things out. Bill C-34 has passed so this unanimous consent being sought is on C-33 only. Agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: Adjournment of the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): I understand that portion.

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Maybe it is not my role, but as attentive as we all were to the intervention by the hon. member for Churchill, if the hon. member for Churchill had five minutes to conclude his remarks then I would recognize someone from the Official Opposition, from the Bloc Quebecois for 20 minutes?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Let me start over. The member for Churchill would have five minutes.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Two minutes.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): I tried. The hon. member for Yukon would have 20 minutes and an hon. member from the Reform Party would have 20 minutes.

Some hon. members: Yes.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Or they could split the time into two 10 minutes and then I can call the question. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Resuming debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Duceppe: Mr. Speaker, the adjournment motion will be deemed to have been passed on June 23, is that right?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): That is right.

[English]

Mr. Harper (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to agree to this. Of course we are I believe on Indian time.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.