

Private Members' Business

to follow our plans much more closely. If there is that disposition we are ready to proceed.

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, this is an interesting way to do the business of the House in terms of debate.

Our concern, of course, has been that we have been participating in the debate on the crop insurance legislation. It is an important government initiative. We have some deep concerns in terms of the implications, but I am still perplexed that when I read today's Order Paper it says that tomorrow will be an allotted day.

An hon. member: Proposed.

Mr. Riis: It does not say proposed. It says it will be an allotted day.

I guess, at the whim of the government House Leader, the government can curtail that commitment.

I just want to make sure we understand that the government had made a commitment that this would be the business of the day. It has now reneged on that commitment in saying that this will not be the business of the day.

Mr. Andre: Madam Speaker, let me make it clear that the decision I announced to the House after the House Leaders' meeting last Thursday was based on certain commitments given by the New Democratic Party.

Since those commitments were not honoured, I am not able to carry through with the commitments that we made. In fact, had the NDP honoured the commitments I made, I would have been able to honour the commitments I made. Since they did not, I am not able to. I regret that that happened.

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I regret that we are interrupting my hon. colleague's private member's business.

The government House Leader indicates that somehow a commitment has been broken. I have had consultations about what the commitment was. It was that if there was a commitment by the government for an adequate length of debate on the borrowing authority, we could see fit to restricting debate on the Small Businesses Loans Act as well as on crop insurance. That commitment was never forthcoming from this government. For the reason that the government had broken its

commitment, we felt no compulsion to fulfil any agreement that the government had.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House leaders of all parties may want to continue discussing this point, but I think we should proceed with the Private Members' Business.

I may also in trying to help the House, remind all members that in reading the *Projected Order of Business* we can all see when there is projection of business for subsequent days that the projection is subject to change without notice.

I am sure that all House Leaders can get together and find a way to resolve that situation.

In the meantime, we will turn to the Private Members' Business with the hon. member for Western Arctic.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS — MOTIONS

[English]

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

NEEDS OF YOUTH

The House resumed from Tuesday, February 6, consideration of the motion of Mr. Anawak:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider developing special initiatives, in consultation with aboriginal peoples, to respond to the serious employment, education and health needs of aboriginal youth.

Ms. Ethel Blondin (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, last week more than 1,000 athletes from the Soviet Union, Greenland, Alaska, northern Alberta, and the Northwest Territories came together to compete in all kinds of sports and games in the Twentieth Arctic Winter Games.

The symbol of unity and friendship was a message to governments all around the world that young people are models in the practice and demonstration of peace and friendship. That is why this motion is very important. It promotes youth, our future leaders.

The peace makers and this government need to strengthen their investment in the youth of our country. We have many young people who have demonstrated a quest for excellence in this over-all activity that took place in Yellowknife last week. We want to work to