

Jean-Claude retires this week after 28 years of loyal and devoted service to the House of Commons. He began his career working for the caucus of the Social Credit Party under Réal Caouette, and went on to work in various capacities in the House. He became a table officer in 1991.

[Translation]

I know, my colleagues, that you would like to join with me in recognizing Jean-Claude's long and successful career. I want to wish you, Jean-Claude, and your wife, Suzanne, good health and much happiness in the years to come.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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[English]

POINTS OF ORDER

PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Sherbrooke, PC): Mr. Speaker, my point of order relates to question period. During question period the hon. member for Kootenay West—Revelstoke referred to a document relative to the Pearson development issue. I wonder whether with the consent of the House we could ask the member to table the document in the House of Commons.

The Speaker: Colleagues, it is somewhat unusual to have a paper tabled by a private member. However, with unanimous consent this House can make any decision it likes. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.

The Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

LAND MINES

Mrs. Jane Stewart (Brant, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, earlier today in a statement to the House I inadvertently and mistakenly mentioned that there were 110 land mines buried in 62 countries across the world. In fact, there are not 110 and there are not 110,000. There are 110 million. I want to make it perfectly clear to the House the magnitude of this terrible plague.

The Speaker: I am sure the record will be corrected.

FIREARMS

Hon. Allan Rock (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to correct a mistake which I made in response to a question put on March 23 by the hon. member for Yorkton—Melville.

The hon. member asked me about the registration of firearms. In response, I referred to Statistics Canada numbers. I said that in Saskatchewan the fatality rate from firearms is 50 per cent higher than the national average and the suicide rate from firearms is twice the national average. I was wrong.

Routine Proceedings

The statistics are, when correctly stated, that the firearms suicide rate is one-third higher than the national average in Saskatchewan. It is the rate of death from accidents with firearms that is twice the national average. Overall, firearms fatalities in Saskatchewan are 25 per cent higher than the national average. I shall furnish the hon. member with a copy of these statistics which bear out those numbers.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

• (1505)

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 31 petitions.

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[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the 70th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs regarding the selection of votable items in accordance with Standing Order 92. This report is deemed adopted on presentation.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I think you will find unanimous consent for the following motion. I move:

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, immediately following the completion of Private Members' Business on Wednesday, March 29, 1995, the House shall continue to sit for not more than three hours for the purpose of considering a motion "That this House, in light of the UN Security Council consideration of renewed mandates for UN forces in the former Yugoslavia, take note of the rotation of Canadian forces serving with UNPROFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia".

[Translation]

That the first three speakers during debate thereon shall not speak for more than twenty minutes and no speaker thereafter shall speak for more than ten minutes;

That, during debate thereon, the Chair shall not accept any dilatory motions or quorum calls; and

That, at the end of three hours' consideration of the said motion, or when no further Members wish to speak, whichever is earlier, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day.