

*Business of the House***PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION**

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis)—External Affairs—Closure of Polish border—Possible threat to world peace; the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen)—External Affairs—Poland—Inquiry regarding context of Prime Minister's note to Chairman Brezhnev; the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer)—Energy—Gasohol—Inquiry whether consideration given to removal of excise tax.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), and public bills.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Collenette:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, there have been discussions among the parties concerning Bill S-18, which you just informed the House was passed by the Senate earlier this afternoon. There has been agreement that this bill will be dealt with later in private members' hour, following royal assent and following the conclusion of Bill S-12, and that Bill S-18 will be dealt with in all stages, including Committee of the Whole, this afternoon before six o'clock.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, that is precisely the agreement. We would also be agreeable to not seeing the clock in the event that there should be a few minutes past the normal adjournment hour required so that the matter can be completed.

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Speaker, we are in agreement.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The House has heard the arrangement as related by the parliamentary secretary and the House leaders of the two opposition parties. Is there agreement to proceed in that fashion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**PRIVATE BILLS**

[Translation]

CANADIAN MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD

**Mr. Pierre Deniger (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State, Multiculturalism)** moved that Bill S-12, respecting the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Deniger** moved that Bill S-12 be read the third time and do pass.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am really pleased this afternoon to introduce to the House and to Canadians on third reading the bill concerning the Merchant Marine of Canada, that is the new incorporation legislation. First I wish to extend my thanks to the member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall) as well as to the member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly).

When we refer to the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East, we refer to the member of Parliament who probably knows maritime circles better than anyone else. That member has dealt so much with maritime issues in his province and throughout Canada that he has now made a name for himself in maritime circles in Canada, especially in the Atlantic region. As for the member for Comox-Powell River, although he was elected at the same time as I was, I think that already on the Pacific coast his authority in maritime circles has made him a noteworthy member and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, this bill has been requested by Mr. Robert Cook and Mr. Maury Sjoquist, respectively President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild of Canada, who are obviously commissioned by the Guild to this end. The Guild was created in June, 1919, essentially to provide a fraternal union of Canadian seamen and to provide insurance for seamen and their dependants, in accordance with the provisions dealing with the benefit fraternal societies, as provided for in section 2 of the constitutive act.

Madam Speaker, the Guild is a fraternal union of seamen and for a long time its membership has been limited to licensed seamen and maritime pilots. As regards its activities as a fraternal benefit society, the Guild has not issued insurance coverage to anybody for over 50 years.