

Routine Proceedings

It may very well be that the broadcasting procedures may dictate the manner in which the label should be applied. We would have to revisit that, much as we have revisited the whole question of television services outside this House and in committee. I think it is rolled together and we have to take that into consideration as well.

There are other matters, but I think it is better that the committee deals with it.

Mr. Speaker: I have listened carefully to the representations that were made. There is a disposition in the House to refer this matter to the appropriate committee. I have to be very careful here because that may very well be the most sensible approach.

However, there were several matters raised in the question of privilege of the hon. member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead. If it is going to go to the committee and is going to end up giving me any assistance, it is very necessary that the matters which the hon. member has raised are those that are included in the terms of reference to the committee.

I am in the hands of the House. I have some doubt as to whether this is really a question of privilege. I have very grave doubt about that. However, it certainly could be taken as a point of order. I do not know whether it would be advisable to ask the hon. member who has raised this matter perhaps just to adjourn the matter, over say this evening, until he has a chance to speak to the House leaders. Then come back and give me some indication as to whether or not there is a meeting of the minds on this. That would assist me. In the meantime, naturally the hon. member's application would stay on the floor of the House and we would return to it. I would be very pleased to give the hon. member the opportunity to discuss this over the evening and if he could, get back to me and give me an indication of how the conversations are going.

• (1700)

[*Translation*]

Is such a proposal agreeable?

Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think your suggestion is quite

agreeable, because the points are very important. Yet, Mr. Speaker, it is possible that I may not be able to get back to you tomorrow on this issue. But even if we had to wait until next week; I have the feeling that you would have no objection. Therefore, I understand that consideration of this matter is suspended until we return to it.

Mr. Speaker: I appreciate the Hon. Member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead's co-operation. Clearly, there is no need for a solution by tomorrow.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, since the Hon. Member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead would not want to take the House by surprise, could he give us his word that he will give advance notice to all Hon. Members before raising this issue again in the House?

Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead): If he were to invite me to dinner, we could certainly talk about it.

Mr. Speaker: I think that there is a certain level of agreement in the House. I thank all Hon. Members who took part in the debate. This is a major issue.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

TOURISM INDUSTRY

TABLING OF GOVERNMENT STRATEGY

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to table today, in both official languages, copies of a document entitled *Tourism on the Threshold* which is the first ever federal government tourism strategy. This is for the 1990s.

Mr. Speaker, this particular document recognizes tourism as a strategic industry, not as a parenthetical industry, but strategic to our economy. It focuses on strategic plans for the industry and it recognizes that governments, federal and provincial, must co-operate with the industry in order to build a stronger industry. I am very pleased to table this in both official languages.