

Government Orders

• (1720)

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I have no trouble with anybody asking for unanimous consent. However, as you will recall, I asked for unanimous consent to proceed with the bills we had agreed to, with the full understanding of the members of the House—they were put on the Order Paper today: Bill C-81, Bill C-82, and Bill C-73—and then proceeding with Bill C-86.

Mr. Speaker, if you would like to put that consent motion to the House, we are happy to offer our consent.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): If I understand correctly, the parliamentary secretary is seeking the unanimous consent of the House to proceed to consideration of Bills C-82 and C-73.

However, the Chair cannot ask for consent until the House has disposed of Bill C-81. This means I must recognize again the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona so that the House, if it so desires, can dispose of Bill C-81. The hon. member has a few minutes left.

[*English*]

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, perhaps we are making progress. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader wants us to move expeditiously on Bill C-81, Bill C-82, and Bill C-73. Then we will discuss Bill C-86 and pass it, presumably.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make a proposal through you to the House, particularly to my hon. friend, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader, and the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier that we seek unanimous consent to deal today with the stage before us of Bill C-81, the stage before us of Bill C-82, the stage before us of Bill C-73, and all stages of Bill C-86.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Does the House agree with the proposal by the hon. member for Kamloops to dispose today of the second reading stages of Bills C-81, C-82, C-73?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): I think all this negotiating is rather amusing, Mr. Speaker! I

don't know what kind of arrangement the NDP has with the government, so that I can anticipate decisions which have yet to be made. We are nobody's fool, Mr. Speaker! Bill C-81 is still being debated by the NDP which is trying to use it as a play to make the House proceed with something else. I am quite willing for us to adopt Bill C-81, C-82 and C-73, and even C-86, if necessary, but we have only one and a half hours left, Mr. Speaker! If the New Democrats keep talking the way they usually do, we won't be able to finish before 7 p.m., Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order, please. I hope hon. members will be co-operative. If I may make a suggestion, I would advise the three parliamentary House leaders to meet as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the Chair has no choice but to recognize again the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

[*English*]

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I noticed with interest that you sought unanimous consent to the proposal put forward by my hon. friend, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader. I am asking that you do the same now for my suggestion, and that the unanimous consent be that today, before the end of the parliamentary sitting, we deal with Bill C-81 at second reading, Bill C-82 at second reading, Bill C-73 at second reading, and all stages of Bill C-86. That is what I am seeking unanimous consent and agreement to.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I want to make this quite clear, because the proposal seems rather broad and somewhat vague. We have before the House a motion asking the House to agree to adopt four bills during today's sitting, if I am not mistaken.

Does the House agree?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Lapierre: I don't agree!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): In that case, I again recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Shefford.