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mission scheduled public hearings to consider the applications for February, 1981, and the chairman of the commission promised that they will render a speedy decision.

The Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) is optimistic that later in 1981 a multichannel satellite service will be available on the Anik system. For the interim, in compliance with the second recommendation of the Therrien committee, the minister encouraged the CBC, the CTV and TVA to implement an interim satellite television package. They have agreed to pursue the matter and are currently in consultation with the CRC to finalize the details.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. May I say that this is the third or fourth Friday afternoon in a row

when I have been sorely tempted to draw attention to the lack of a quorum during private members' hour. I have not done so, because I did not want to be responsible for cutting off discussions on important private members' motions. I hope this temptation will be removed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member's point is very well taken.

● (1700)

[Translation]

The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until two o'clock Monday afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
