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ing those issues, under the very skilful chairmanship of the hon. member.

[English]

I am one of those who believes that the S.O. 31s should not be put through certain disciplines, but before we jump the gun it is a very important matter. Some may disagree. I have my own views and they are very strong. I do not like the system too much and it is very well know. That is why we are discussing it at the management committee.

I assure you, Madam Speaker, that under the chairmanship of the hon. member for Peace River, we shall go back to that as early as next Tuesday and next Thursday in the management committee. Therefore I would not like you to rule at this time because you are full of wisdom and you will want to take that under reflection.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, I have been trying to get up for about 25 minutes on this same point of order. I am glad I was recognized.

The suggestion by the parliamentary secretary sounds like it could be reasonable to many people but there are many problems with it. Since it was raised in the House, I would like to address it.

First of all, if everybody got up every day, nobody would know what the priorities are within a caucus. There is also a danger that the issues that are important on that day, whether it is a lay-off in a mine in northern Manitoba or whether it is something with regard to a government action that day, would never be addressed in Question Period. We may provide fairness, but we may not be relevant to the issues that matter to Canadians at that particular time. That would be the situation.

We all have a process within our caucuses to decide that if there is high unemployment or high interest rates that those are the issues on which we want to focus.

• (1230)

In addition, the government House said that it might be a good idea if we gave notice so that the relevant minister might be here. Madam Speaker, as you know I was on the list and I was not recognized. I could get upset

that a Liberal took my spot, but I am not raising that as my specific.

What I would like to say is that the issue I wanted to raise results from a picket line that is occurring in Vancouver today because the government is trying to ship grain through Seattle. I could not possibly have given the government advance notice. There is no way.

I received notice of this particular picket line just prior to Question Period. It is an issue of some importance today and obviously, it is an issue that our caucus believed should have been raised today in the House of Commons. Giving notice for this question to be asked next Thursday or Friday would have done no good whatsoever.

I believe there has to be a system in place that enables people to raise the issues that are important at that given time.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I want to thank all hon. members who got involved in this long point of order or question of privilege, or whatever it was, when it all started.

I want to assure the House that I will continue to do my best. More than likely I will at times not find the right way to satisfy each and every one of the 293 members in this House, but I will continue to do my best. I also know that when there is a full moon something like this comes along.

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[Translation]

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (B), 1991-92

A message from his Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992, was presented by the Hon. Gilles Loiseau (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Madam Deputy Speaker to the House.

#### REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

**Hon. Gilles Loiseau (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 81(5) and 81(6), I move:

That the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992, laid upon the Table earlier this day, be referred to the several Standing Committees of the House as follows: