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that I felt uneasy about this situation immediately after the tabling of the document. I wanted the Chair to look at it attentively because I felt it was not in order. If a Member of the House cannot raise a point at the time, which I did, and be told the next day that because he did not raise it at the time he cannot raise it today, we will all be going around in a circle.

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry, I must have misunderstood the Member. I was not aware that a point of order had been raised yesterday.

Mr. Gauthier: Yes, I raised one.

Mr. Speaker: Today we do not have a *Hansard*. I am not sure why that is and I must find out.

If a point of order was raised yesterday and a decision reserved, then that decision remains reserved. If a point of order was raised yesterday and it was not reserved by the Chair, then nothing remains today. What I shall do is to look into whether a reservation was made yesterday.

I am saying to the Hon. Member that I am in difficulty this morning because I cannot accept the suggestion that the matter be re-opened this morning. I think the Hon. Member knows that. Let me leave it in that obviously clear circumstance, and maybe we can continue with Orders of the Day.

• (1110)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

**CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REORGANIZATION ACT**

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion) moved that Bill C-66, an Act respecting the reorganization of the Canada Development Corporation, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Before my distinguished colleague, the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens), introduces this matter at second reading, Your Honour will recall that yesterday I brought to the attention of the House the fact that we were operating under new rules with respect to legislative committees. I have consulted with the Opposition House Leaders with respect to this matter, and we have come to an arrangement whereby in each of the instances of motions now on the Order Paper referring Bills to standing committees, the Bills in question would be referred to legislative committees, as contemplated by the Provisional Standing Orders.

Rather than going through this exercise on every occasion when every Bill comes forward, I think there would be a disposition to have an Order of the House to amend each of

the motions now standing on the Order Paper for second reading. Rather than having the motions read that the Bills would be referred to specific standing committees, in each instance the motions would be amended as follows:

That all the words after the word "that" be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "and referred to a legislative committee."

For the sake of pro forma, the motion would contain the appropriately numbered Bill, its title, and "be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee." If all existing motions on the Order Paper for second reading were accordingly amended, I think Your Honour would find unanimous consent of the House to accept that suggestion and my motion in each instance. Then we would not have to use the time of the House to make an amendment on each occasion.

Mr. Speaker: For the sake of clarity, do I understand that the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) means government Bills and only government Bills?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Not Private Members' Bills?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: No.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I think we will deal with Private Members' Business some time later. I do not think it is necessary to do it today.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: That is right.

Mr. Deans: However, I agree. In the interest of speed, we can give unanimous consent to allow the Orders which now stand on the Order Paper to be changed so as to guarantee that each of the Bills, when referred, would be referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, in the interest of co-operation, this time I give my consent and agree to this suggestion.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the introduction of the amendment?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the amendment. Shall the amendment carry?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, it was just three months ago, on June 27, that I introduced Bill C-66 respecting the reorganization of the Canada Development Corporation in the House for first reading.

As Hon. Members will realize, the Bill makes it possible for private investors to buy the majority of government shares in the CDC. It is in fact the first step in the Government's announced intention, indeed its commitment, to turn many of