

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Madam Speaker, Beauchesne makes very clear in his discussion of Question Period that questions are supposed to be posed which deal with the responsibilities of the government of the country.

There has come to be a habit on the part of the government of the country and the loyal opposition of recreating debates and arguments from Queen's Park in Toronto.

**An hon. member:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Langdon:** I wonder, Madam Speaker, if you would rule that if there are questions that this government wishes to raise, we here would be quite pleased to answer them and should be given a chance to do so, especially given the fact that the unemployment figures that came out today, while they showed a 5.5 per cent increase across the country, showed a significant decrease in the province of Ontario.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member is making a debate out of what is supposed to be a point of order. I do not think that we will get into a debate of that nature at this time.

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I would like to say, on behalf of the government, we understand our hon. friend's embarrassment at what is going on at Queen's Park and we would in no way want to enlarge upon what is happening to him and his party.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for York West. Is it on the same subject?

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Yes, Madam Speaker, it is on the same point of order.

I think the member from Windsor undermines my privileges in this House as a member of Parliament from Toronto. My constituents cannot get any leadership from Queen's Park or from Ottawa. I believe I have a right to represent their aspirations in this House.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The Chair has already ruled on that situation and we will go on with the daily routine of business.

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**INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF  
FRENCH-SPEAKING PARLIAMENTARIANS****PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF CANADIAN  
SECTION**

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 34, I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the activity report of the Canadian section of the International Assembly of French-speaking Parliamentarians, on the meeting of the International Bureau of the AIPLF in Luxembourg from September 3 to 6 this year.

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**BILL C-91****REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. René Soetens (Ontario):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-91, an act to amend the Patent Act, to amend another act in consequence thereof, and to provide for other related matters, with an amendment.

I have had the privilege of serving on many committees over my four years in Parliament and I would like to pay particular thanks for the support I received from the Legislative Council Office, the research branch of the Library of Parliament and the clerk's office. This was a very difficult bill and a very difficult process in committee. I can assure you, Madam Speaker, that they were all very supportive.

I would like to comment that as a member of Parliament I always thought legislative committees were the places where we as members could do our most important function on behalf of our constituents. It was a good opportunity to review the legislation and to address the many concerns that can be raised by witnesses and by our own individual constituents.

I believe, as chairman of the committee, that we wasted at least five days of activity that were less than productive. There were more witnesses that wanted to speak and I believe there were many people that we could have—