

join many others in suggesting that there are many questions that ought to be put to the government. A way to maximize the number of parliamentarians with access to Question Period would be to extend it for half an hour each day.

I would like to go on record and join my colleague from the Official Opposition and say that we would enthusiastically join with the Official Opposition in supporting this proposal to make this place more democratic.

**Mr. Attewell:** Mr. Speaker, my question had the greatest urgency. It needs to be answered by tomorrow. It concerns 400 refugees in New Delhi. I wanted to ask the minister an urgent question about that.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Order, please.

It is not the first time that question has been raised in this House.

[Translation]

We have a House Management Committee, and if the hon. member wishes to make representations, I am sure that both sides of the House would be very interested in improving the Standing Orders, if necessary.

[English]

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to hear from you when you might come back before the House regarding the privilege I have raised. I believe it is a *prima facie* case. I am prepared to move the necessary motion to refer it to committee but I would certainly appreciate learning when you will come back from reviewing the "blues" and determining what the minister said and what the facts really are.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The Chair will take the question raised several minutes ago under advisement, and if there is a genuine question of privilege, the Chair will announce its decision as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Government Orders

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-12, an act to amend the Young Offenders Act and the Criminal Code, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative; and the motion of Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre) (p. ); and the motion of Mr. Waddell (p. ).

**Mr. Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, I believe we voted on 4A just before one o'clock. The clerk is shaking his head. You are quite right, one member did indicate that he wanted to say a few words about it. I do not see him in the House right now.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** There has been no vote yet on motions Nos. 4A and 7. Resuming debate.

[English]

Resuming debate on motions nos. 4A and 7.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I want to make some comments regarding these particular amendments. Perhaps I can use this as an opportunity to ask members of Parliament, as we debate this important piece of legislation, from time to time to cast their minds back to the reason for these discussions.

We are trying to find ways and means to make the Young Offenders Act more appropriate.

While we must do this some time or another, we have to spend time in this House asking why these young people are getting into trouble in the first place. We are dealing with the situation after the fact. Of course we have to do that. However, at some time we have to make a much greater effort to ask ourselves if there are initiatives we could take as Parliamentarians and new policies that we could urge the government to take that would result in fewer young people getting into difficulty with the law in the first place.