

Routine Proceedings

sitting in this Chamber and all of them are contesting, and rightfully so, for time.

I am not in the position that I was many months ago where I could exercise some latitude. As far as I am concerned, the members come first.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has got up on a point of order and I have explained why, regretfully, I could not make that recognition. If the hon. member wants to take it up with his colleagues and change my approach to this, the hon. member has every right to do so. But I insist on putting the hon. members first.

Mr. Kindy: On a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member has got a second point of order I will hear him, but if it is the same point of order, I am not going to hear him. The hon. member.

Mr. Kindy: I have not concluded why.

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry. There is another way to carry on this discussion, and I am prepared to see the hon. member. The hon. member can join with other members and come and see me.

In the meantime, I want to make very clear there is no disrespect meant. If it is impossible, given the exigencies of the moment and the hour, that we cannot get to the introduction. There is no disrespect to anybody. But this is the House of Commons of Canada and the people who are going to get the first attention from this Speaker are the members of the House of Commons.

Tabling of documents.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTION PERIOD

DOCUMENT REFERRED TO BY PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the other day I gave an undertaking to the House leader of the Official Opposition that I would table the document that the Prime Minister was referring to during the question on hon. Senator Hébert.

I regret to inform the member that we did look through and we do not see the apology, but I will table that document and he can look for himself.

Mr. Riis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would seek clarification. My hon. friend the government House leader yesterday indicated that a reference that the Prime Minister made to the past Chief Justices of the Supreme Court in the House and he said he would see that that would be tabled. I am curious. Did he have an opportunity to do that, and if not, would he do it as soon as possible?

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I did indeed make that commitment. I have not had an opportunity to do that. I will do it as soon as possible.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CANADIAN
NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 34, I have the pleasure of tabling in both official languages the nineteenth report of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

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STRIKING

FORTY-NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the forty-ninth report of the Striking Committee.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in the report later this day. I would ask that we dispense with the reading of that report by the clerk at the table.

I think members should know that this is the first time unanimous consent has not been given. The previous 48 reports were unanimous, the forty-ninth one is not. It is in the House on division. But we were unanimous in asking that the chairman make members aware of one paragraph that is in the report, and I would simply read that paragraph of the report at this time.

Your committee would like it known that it is their view that standing committees should be encouraged to meet less often as full committees and more often as smaller sub-committees in order to use more effectively and efficiently the members' time.