

Today I did not allow the hon. member a supplementary question, but there again he was not singled out. I did warn hon. members the other day that perhaps one way of allowing more hon. members to be recognized during the question period would be at some time, at the end of the question period, to stop allowing supplementaries. That is what I have done today, and the result was that more members were able to put their questions during the question period.

I have to study what is the meaning of supplementary. I do not think all the supplementaries put are supplementary to the first question asked. I will look into that matter as I go on learning my job to see whether or not I should allow questions that are not really supplementaries. Perhaps that will also give more hon. members a chance to ask questions during the question period.

So that is my policy. Perhaps it is not perfect every day, but I do try to correct it as I go along.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

MR. SCOTT (VICTORIA-HALIBURTON)—BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride in my heart, and I think you will share this feeling with me and other members of the House in this question of privilege. I would have liked to have put it in a motion under Standing Order 43. Last week when the House of Commons staff on Parliament Hill held a blood donor's clinic, a record high was reached, and probably that was a result of arrangements made by you, Madam Speaker, by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and also by Sergeant Bob Davis of our security staff.

Last week there were 333 donors who gave blood at the blood donor's clinic, of whom 172 were new donors. People are very proud of this, I am very proud of this, and I am sure we all share in it. Perhaps I shouldn't take this time of the House, but I should like to congratulate those people responsible for taking time out to give blood so that others may live. Also I want to thank those people who were involved in the organization of the clinic as well.

● (1510)

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Of course this is not a question of privilege, but it is a marvellous thing to have on our record. I am sure we want to congratulate all those people who have given of their blood.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, I also extend my congratulations as Minister of National Health for the outstanding work done in connection with the blood clinic. Madam Speaker, it may have looked like I misinformed the House earlier.

Introduction of Bills

[*English*]
(*Later*)

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

HEALTH HAZARDS IN CERTAIN CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): On the question of pesticides, because of its particular importance to the health of Canadians, I should like to explain that 12 more months are required to finish assessing the studies produced by the American laboratory I named in my answer. Separate from that, another four years are needed to cope with the studies for which the data will have been judged invalid. I want to put the whole question in the proper perspective.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Second report of Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments—Mr. Beatty.

[*Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING PHYSICAL HANDICAPS AND HEALTH

Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-603, to amend the Public Service Employment Act (discrimination as to age or physical handicap or health).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Herbert: Madam Speaker, a sub-objective of the Public Service Commission is to ensure that physically and mentally handicapped persons are given effective equality of opportunity to compete for positions in the public service.

The purpose of this bill is to incorporate in the Public Service Act, as an example to the private sector, the grounds of physical handicap and health under which the Public Service Commission shall not discriminate in prescribing selection standards.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.