

*The Address—Mr. Allmand*

**Mr. Nunziata:** No.

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

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● (1110)

**SMOKING CONTROL ACT**

## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Patrick Boyer (Etobicoke—Lakeshore)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-209, an Act to control smoking in public buildings and facilities.

**Mr. Speaker,** this Bill is really a measure aimed at improving the indoor environment, and is also aimed at introducing the doctrine of reasonable accommodation. This is the same Bill that I introduced in the first session, but it has been improved through further work and I am happy to bring it before the House now.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

**Mr. Nunziata:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I seek some direction from the Chair. A few moments ago the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) introduced a Bill in the House concerning abortion. As I understand it, unanimous consent is required in order to have the Bill printed. At the time you asked for consent I shouted out "No, Sir". I simply ask the Chair whether I am correct in my assumption that unanimous consent is necessary?

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member for his intervention but I must advise the House that unanimous consent is not required.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

## RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from Monday, October 6, consideration of the motion of Mrs. Collins for an Address to Her Excellency the Governor General in reply to her Speech at the opening of the Session and of the amendment of Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra) (p. 44).

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, I want to start by congratulating you on

your election to the high post you now hold in this House. I personally want to wish you the best of success in this most difficult position and assure you that I and my colleagues will do our best to co-operate with you in bringing more order, more discipline and better decorum to this House. I want to repeat, though, some of the things I said briefly the other day and I would like you to keep them in mind, as I know you will as a fair-minded person.

In allocating time in this House we must always keep in mind the rights of the Opposition and the need for opposition points of view to be properly expressed. One cannot always make judgments based on the distribution of Members in the House, the fact that there are 211 Conservatives and only 40 Liberals and 30 members of the NDP. One must remember as well that although that is the distribution because of our system of election, in the election itself the Conservatives got a little under 50 per cent of the total vote and the opposition Parties got the rest.

However, the important point is that if we are going to have a proper discussion involving opposing points of view in Parliament, one must make sure that the opposition Parties, although they are small in number, have an ample opportunity to put before you as fully as possible views which are opposed to the Government.

In this respect I would ask you to keep in mind the way things were done under Speakers Sauvé, Jerome and Lamoureux. If you look at the record, the opposition Members, even with majority Governments, were given ample opportunity to put their views before this House.

We have before us now a Speech from the Throne which has the same sweet words as the Speech from the Throne of 1984, in fact the same sweet words that we read in the Conservative campaign material during the 1984 election. However, of what value were those sweet words in the form of action and decisions? What happened as a result of more than 300 promises written in such a fine fashion in the Conservative campaign documents? The answer is, virtually nothing. The Government is very good with high-sounding words, image politics, photo opportunities and motherhood rhetoric, but its performance in translating that into action is dismal and its credibility is strained.

I could go even further by suggesting that this Government is even more guilty in that it often cynically makes promises and raises expectations on which it knows it cannot deliver, and perhaps has no intention of delivering. If we look at the Speech from the Throne in 1984 and the promises of the 1984 election, that is one conclusion we could come to.

However, the Canadian public is catching on to this type of image politics. We have a Gallup poll taken in September and reported on October 6 in which the newspaper headline is: "Tories' Record Rated Poorly by Majority, Gallup poll Says". Some 51 per cent of Canadians disapprove of the record of the Progressive Conservatives according to this Gallup poll, and only 26 per cent approve. That should send a message one