

returns from a strike. Can we do it soon rather than having to wait around for the speech writer to come off strike?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I believe there is another question or comment. The hon. member for Yorkton—Melville.

**Mr. Nystrom:** I think you can tell from my speeches that I do not use speech writers, Mr. Speaker. We are not allowed to read speeches in the House, as you know. I respect the rules of the House. I could do like some government back-benchers, I guess, and get up and read a long monotonous speech, but I do not know who would write the speech. I do not know of any speech writers who are on strike now.

I am glad that the member for Calgary will accept a debate. Perhaps we can arrange that as soon as possible, the sooner the better. I am sure his constituents will be very glad to hear that. Let us head out to Calgary and find an independent organization to sponsor it and have a good debate.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Resuming debate with the hon. member for St. John's East.

**Mr. Ross Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, like all Members of this House, I would love to spend the day having a debate on concurrence in the finance committee's report of last June. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, I would like nothing more than to see you in full flight, robes off, standing on the chair, as suggested by my hon. friend across the way.

• (1200)

It is very clear that one of the most important things this House should be debating today is the goods and services tax. The debates across this country should start here in this House and we should not carry on as we have been doing.

Therefore, I move:

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those in favour of the motion will please yeas.

### *Routine Proceedings*

**Some hon. members:** Yeas.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division.

*(Division No. 185)*

### YEAS

#### Members

Anderson	Atkinson
Attewell	Beatty
Belsher	Bertrand
Bird	Bjornson
Blackburn (Jonquière)	Blais
Blenkarn	Bosley
Bouchard (Roberval)	Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean)
Bourgault	Boyer
Brightwell	Browes
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)	Cardiff
Casey	Chadwick
Champagne (Champlain)	Charest
Chartrand	Clark (Yellowhead)
Clark (Brandon—Souris)	Clifford
Cole	Cook
Corbeil	Corbett
Côté	Crosbie (St. John's West)
Crosby (Halifax West)	Darling
DeBlois	de Cotret
Della Noce	Desjardins
Dick	Dobbie
Domme	Dorin
Duplessis	Edwards
Epp	Fee
Ferland	Fontaine
Fretz	Friesen
Gérin	Gibeau
Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)	Guilbault
Gustafson	Halliday
Harvey (Chicoutimi)	Hawkes
Hicks	Hockin
Hogue	Horner
Hudon	Hughes
Jacques	James
Johnson	Joncas
Kempling	Koury
Landry	Larrivière
Layton	Lewis
Loiselle	MacDonald (Rosedale)
MacDougall (Timiskaming)	MacKay
Marin	Martin (Lincoln)
Masse	Mayer
Mazankowski	McCreath
McDermid	McDougall (St. Paul's)
Monteith	Nicholson
Nowlan	Oberle
O'Kurlley	Plamondon
Plourde	Porter
Pronovost	Reid
Reimer	Ricard
Richardson	Roy-Arcelin
St-Julien	Schneider
Scott (Victoria—Haliburton)	Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth)
Shields	Siddon