

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties with respect to the vote which is to be held on Bill C-130 and is scheduled for 3 p.m. tomorrow. I think you will find there is unanimous consent for the following motion to be put to the House. I move:

That, notwithstanding the Order of the House adopted on Thursday, August 25, 1988, any division demanded on Bill C-130, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States of America, shall be deferred until 6.00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 1988.

This conveniences the House and those Members who wish to attend the funeral service for the late Senator Jean Marchand in Quebec City. We understand that this will allow everyone who wishes to attend the service to be back in time for the vote.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the Hon. Minister of State. Is there agreement?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, first, I wonder if I could take this opportunity to seek unanimous consent of the House to allow the Leader of the New Democratic Party to have sufficient time to complete his remarks later today before the speeches begin. Second, we have an understanding that private Members' hour will follow the speech of the third Leader.

Mr. Lewis: I am prepared to entertain that suggestion. This is the first suggestion I have had that it was going to be made. I am not sure that I see any difficulty, however, I would like to check with some people, and perhaps we could look into it in a minute or two.

Mr. Speaker: I take it from that there will be some discussion and brought back to the House. The Hon. Member for Windsor West.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, while I would be happy to wait to hear from the Deputy Government House Leader, we are prepared to agree now to the suggestion of the House Leader for the NDP.

ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. Speaker: I wish to bring to the attention of the House a matter which gives me some concern, and I want the cooperation of Hon. Members.

I will not name any names, however there has been a suggestion that as a consequence of something said in a speech yesterday morning a question of privilege might be raised today.

First, the rules are very clear that there must be notice. Second, it should be brought at the very first opportunity. Despite the difficulty with the delay in *Hansard*, it would seem

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to the Chair that something said as long ago as yesterday morning, if it was causing that much grievance, could well have been brought to the Chair. Third, I must say that I examined with very great care certain remarks that were made yesterday morning. What I might have done if a complaint had been brought to me immediately or at the first opportunity is one thing. I did notice that there was apparently no disorder as a consequence.

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I share with the House my difficulty in this. I am bound to apply the rules. At the same time, I would ask that, when Members are speaking—there was more than one complaint brought to me and it involved both sides of the House—no matter how passionate they may feel, that they exercise the restraint and constraints that are appropriate in this place. There are many ways to say here what one thinks of political issues. I raise this matter and share it with Hon. Members because I am afraid that, on procedural grounds, if there are further complaints about what happened as long ago as yesterday morning, I just do not feel that it would be appropriate to entertain them. I have taken this position on complaints coming from both sides of the House. Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Crosbie that Bill C-130, an Act to implement the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States of America, be read the third time and passed; and the amendment of Mr. Axworthy (p. 18987).

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding further, I ask for the indulgence of the House. I was about to rule on an amendment that has not yet been put to the House. I shall wait until later. I might indicate that I will probably be receiving it favourably. On debate. The Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald).

[Translation]

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, water is included in the Free Trade Agreement because it is included in the GATT. Under the GATT provisions, water is a commodity. That means that the Government will no longer be able to block water exports through taxes.