

service deserves a little more priority, a little more attention, and a little less fragmentation among many departments of government; that one particular ministry will be given the responsibility for implementing this kind of proposal. When that day comes I will rise proudly in this House and support the government.

**Mr. Rod Blaker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, as members on this side are aware, and in keeping with the traditions of the House of Commons, I am the parliamentary secretary who is responsible for the organization of the private members' hour, at least on the government side of the House. Accordingly I am now and will be speaking for the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Andras).

The parliamentary secretary and member of parliament for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) proposes that the government study the advisability of an administrative college for the Canadian public service. This would be something similar to the Collège d'Europe in Bruges, near Brussels in Belgium, or to the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris.

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Following long distance communication with the President of the Treasury Board, as well as consultations with various members of this House, it has become apparent there is very considerable support for the proposal expressed in the motion and the speech of the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier. In addition, while debate was proceeding, the Secretary of State (Mr. Roberts), who has responsibilities in this regard, dropped by to advise me that not only could he support the motion moved by the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier but by chance he was also the first Canadian graduate of the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris, to which I just referred. Support has already been expressed by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker), who is the House leader for the Conservative Party by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert) representing the New Democratic Party, and by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis).

Before I suggest unanimous support for this motion and the amendment sending the subject matter to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates for further study, there is one other matter I should like to bring to the attention of the House. I do so, Mr. Speaker, because you in your position as Speaker of the House cannot take part and participate in the debate on this subject. Yet I have been made aware that the matter under consideration has already been brought up in many other circles. An example of that was mentioned this afternoon by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton in that he referred to the possibilities of Carleton University in this regard.

And further example, and rather an interesting one, is that of the board of education of Prescott-Russell has passed a resolution to encourage the federal government to consider the establishment of such a college in the Rockland area. I understand that is part of the riding that you represent, Mr. Speaker. I mention this, as I said, because I know your position prohi-

bits you from entering into this debate and I thought it deserved attention.

In summary, I suggest to hon. members and to you, Mr. Speaker, that you now seek the consent of this House in order to determine whether there is approval of the motion and the amendment to send the subject matter of this motion and this amendment to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates. Should the House find this suggestion agreeable, I would like to express, on behalf of all members and all parties, our congratulations to the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier who has this afternoon, and not for the first time, proven the imagination and commitment for which he has become rather well known to this House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull):** Mr. Speaker, first of all I wish to congratulate the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) for the quite remarkable way he has just moved this motion calling for the establishment of an administration school for the public service.

I must say that I am glad, however, that in 1968 I made an humble and brilliant speech trying to convince the government of the time, and that the idea I planted then has finally caught on. I am also glad to suggest that this administration school could serve as an inexhaustible pool of higher public service officials for all Canadian provinces to come and borrow some of the extraordinary talents who would have received their training in the motherland of Canada, in the government and in the national capital area.

And this will also provide excellent opportunities for young people who show growing interest in humanities and social sciences and others, and whose talents could be made available to the Canadian government. Moreover, I am very glad that all members of parliament, particularly the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert), the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) contributed so favourably to the debate and agreed that the national capital area offers extraordinary opportunities to the federal government to create in various sectors of society those things which are essential not only to the administration of a country but to what could be done to reflect the true image of Canada, a real capital to our country's dimension.

And I hope that will be a step towards the formation of a sort of federal district—I said a sort of—so that in other sectors we can work as intelligently as the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) just did. I hope that all members will understand that, in the national capital area, we will be able to stand as a kind of example of Canadian life as it should have been since Confederation. Mr. Speaker, I introduced in the House a bill that will be dealt with here, and I hope members from all sides will consider it to understand better the problems in the national capital region and try to find a solution to remedy these problems dating back to Confederation. I should like once again to commend the hon. member for