Private Members' Business

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, the member asked me if I thought it was due that we got the notwithstanding clause because of the process. I would say absolutely correct.

When Mr. Trudeau first introduced the charter, it did not have a notwithstanding clause. It only came about in the negotiations with the provinces. By the way, it was not Quebec that suggested it. It came from one of the western provinces.

I also agree with him when he says that sovereignty lies with the people and not with governments or legislatures. We all get our power from the people. There may have been a different result if there had been a referendum on it. After going through several referendums I do not know.

[Translation]

The Deputy Speaker: As no other hon. member wishes to speak and the motion was not selected as a votable item, the hour provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired and, pursuant to Standing Order 96 (1), this item is dropped from the Order Paper.

[English]

It being more or less seven o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

(The House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.)