

# **SPEAKER'S RULING**

## **Further Consideration of Point of Order**

Last Thursday Senator Bellemare raised a point of order as to whether Bill C-377 must be accompanied by a Royal Recommendation. I took the matter under advisement, not because I felt there had been sufficient argument on the point of order, which is an important and complicated one, but because no other honourable senators rose to speak.

Under rule 2-5(1), it is the Speaker who decides when there has been sufficient argument on a point of order or question of privilege. In this case our understanding of the issue would be helped by resuming consideration of the point of order. I am aware that there are a number of senators who would like to speak to this matter. I therefore wish to inform honourable colleagues that I will hear further argument when this item is next called for consideration.

To be clear, we will at that time only be considering Senator Bellemare's point of order as to whether Bill C-377 requires a Royal recommendation. The Senate will not be debating third reading of the bill at that time.