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•(1630)

[English]

**The Chair (Mr. Kevin Sorenson (Crowfoot, CPC)):** Order.

We have completed our report, and we're now doing committee business.

Mr. Dewar has a comment he wants to make.

**Mr. Paul Dewar (Ottawa Centre, NDP):** Mr. Chair, thank you for the opportunity.

At our last committee meeting, when we moved from in camera to committee business, I mentioned my concern that we hadn't actually had a response from the Minister of Foreign Affairs to our request for a passport or travel document for Abousfian Abdelrazik. The document we received from the minister was to the effect that in light of the Federal Court judgment, the government was looking at it and was waiting to respond to us based on that. I want to reiterate my disappointment that your letter wasn't responded to directly. In fact, we had asked that the minister provide, as we know he can, a

travel document to Mr. Abdelrazik. It is not about the court case, because that in fact hadn't been decided at the time of the correspondence.

I wanted not only to reiterate my concern, but to request that we keep that on our agenda when we return, and, if things change, that we have an opportunity to have him before committee.

Thank you.

**The Chair:** Thank you very much.

Is there any other committee business?

If not, then I want to wish all of you a very good summer. Although we are not taking anything for granted, it sounds as though we may not be feverishly door-knocking. Just have a safe summer and enjoy your summer and your families. Come back here in the fall. We look forward to resuming our committee and our discussion.

We are adjourned.

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