

Privilege—Mr. Cossitt

he has obtained in reply to questions asked during the question period. In addition, there perhaps is a clear difference of opinion between the hon. member and the government in respect of the matters under the administrative responsibility of the government.

The matter is made perfectly clear, if it was not otherwise understood, by citation 113 of Beauchesne's, one sentence of which reads as follows:

But a dispute arising between two members, as to allegations of facts, does not fulfill the conditions of parliamentary privilege.

Accordingly, I would have to hold that, while the member may have a difference of opinion or grievance, he has several other avenues to explore in order to take that up with the minister and this does not in any way constitute a prima facie question of privilege.

Mr. Andras: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member would have served the House well if he had considered many other statements I have made in this House and publicly, to wit that I give very significant credence to representations of members of parliament of all parties, from both sides of this House, in this type of decision.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Andras: This type of decision about which projects will or will not be approved requires judgment in every case. Although I fully appreciate and respect the talents and integrity of the public service I have always said to my officials that the elected representatives of the people who sit in this House have knowledge and understanding of their constituencies and the conditions in those areas as represented by the fact that they were elected in the first place. I would entertain, and have entertained, from many members from all sides of the House, from all parties in the House, views with regard to which projects are or are not appropriate to be approved, while maintaining for myself, which is proper and is my job, the responsibility to make the final decisions. That is how I have exercised my responsibility.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Calgary North rising on the point of order?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I should like to speak to the point of order. It is true that he has asked the members to help set up committees and make decisions, but he has overlooked one fact. A place like Calgary North might get \$50,000 or \$70,000 while the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources last time got almost a million some odd, so I think there is a little hanky-panky going on. It does show one thing—there is a little influence.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In the manner in which this honourable chamber often manages to balance things out on its own it seems to me that we have had countervailing non-points of privilege and non-points of order on the same day. It might be well to get on with the business of the House.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PREMIERS OF ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN AND PRIME MINISTER

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, you will recall that on Monday I tabled some correspondence which at that time had not been translated because I had only a few hours before I received authority to table it. The whole series of letters has been tabled but now I should like the House, under Standing Order 41 (2), to permit me to table them in translated form.

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AUDITOR GENERAL

TABLING OF REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1974—REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), to table the report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974.

I wonder, on behalf of my colleague the President of the Treasury Board, if I could ask the unanimous consent of the House that the report of the Auditor General be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether there is any significance in the fact that this report seems to have a red cover?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The suggestion has been made that the House give unanimous consent that the report referred to be referred to the standing committee. Is it so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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ENERGY

TABLING OF REASSESSMENT OF TIDAL POWER DEVELOPMENT IN BAY OF FUNDY BY THE TIDAL POWER REVIEW BOARD

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I should like to lay on the table a preliminary reassessment prepared by the Tidal Review Board with regard to the feasibility of tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy.