

*Point of Order—Mr. Andre*

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** I am afraid I still must refuse to hear the hon. member on this particular point of order, because the bills to which he referred have left the House, gone to the Senate and have been passed, and they will be up for royal assent tonight—

**Mr. Stevens:** No, they will not.

**Some hon. Members:** No, no!

**Madam Speaker:**—and the main estimates are in the committee. Therefore, if a matter is in committee, it cannot be the subject of a point of order in the House.

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, my privileges as a member of Parliament are affected in this way—

**Mr. Chrétien:** What about ours?

**Mr. Stevens:** Go back to England; they like you in England.

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, previous Speakers have said repeatedly, to me among others, that it is too late to raise a point of order in respect of the estimates when the appropriation bill is before the House. Now you add to that the absurd contention that a point of order cannot be raised—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Smith:** Apologize!

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Collette said that.

**Mr. Andre:**—when the estimates are before committee.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I have a point of order from the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson). Since we are on a question of privilege, I suppose I can entertain it.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, on a point of order, surely it is out of order for an hon. member, under the guise of a question of privilege, to question the ruling of the Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Right on.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** That is precisely what is being done here. Madam Speaker has made a ruling; orders of the day have been called. Under Beauchesne's—

**Some hon. Members:** No, they have not.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Citation 275 of Beauchesne's fifth edition reads in part as follows:

When an order of the day has been read, it must thereupon be proceeded with, appointed for a future day or discharged.

Madam Speaker's ruling has been made. It is unparliamentary to challenge that ruling under the guise of a question of privilege. I suggest we move on to orders of the day as required by Beauchesne's Citation 275.

**Mr. Stevens:** Privilege, Madam Speaker.

**Mr. Cossitt:** A point of order, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** The main estimates will be deemed to come back to the House on May 31, and the hon. member will have all the time in the world to raise a point of order on this particular subject. Therefore, I will not hear his point of order at this point.

**Mr. Andre:** Privilege, Madam Speaker.

**Mr. Stevens:** A question of privilege.

**Mr. Cossitt:** A point of order.

**Madam Speaker:** Presenting reports from standing or special committees.

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**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, I can understand that it has been a long day.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh!

**Mr. Andre:** I can understand the frustration of the troops opposite.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. In the name of decorum and in the spirit of co-operation with the Chair, I would appreciate that hon. members make no reference to the fact that my day has been long.

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

**Madam Speaker:** I am working quite well, despite the fact that the day has been long.

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, I was not referring to Your Honour in my remarks, I was referring to members opposite.

I have been sitting in my place all day long annotating the book. As Madam Speaker has indicated, the votes contained herein are presently before—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Andre:**—a committee. The items contained herein—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Andre:** I am prepared and confident that I can show—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Andre:** Madam Speaker, if I do not have the opportunity to explain, then how can I ever get to my point?

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I have ruled that the hon. member could raise his point of order up until May 31, when these questions will be back before the House. He is still