

That is the very clear practice. If, for the sake of argument, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) were holding a piece of paper on which was printed a single paragraph taken from a letter, and he then indicated, as I think he did, having seen the videotape, that he was quoting from a letter with a date and read the quotation, then the document that is properly required to be tabled is the letter he has cited. If the Hon. Member is arguing that the piece of paper he was holding has to be—

**An Hon. Member:** No one said that.

**Mr. Speaker:** I take it that if that is what the Hon. Member is saying, then, no, no such obligation is necessary.

Let us be clear that what is cited is the letter from the Prime Minister to the Ministers. That is to what he referred.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, may I respectfully refer you to Beauséne, page 116, at the top of the page where it is written:

It has been admitted that a document which has been cited ought to be laid upon the Table of the House—

I respectfully submit that, yesterday, the Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn) told you, Sir, that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) was talking about a document. I respectfully ask, Mr. Speaker, that you give some further consideration to the matter, in light of the words of the Government House Leader.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am in some difficulty because we dealt with this matter separately yesterday. At the time, I invited argument from Hon. Members. Yesterday, the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) asked me to hear arguments on this very question. I did. I take it that the Hon. Member for York Centre is now trying to raise a separate point which is with respect to whether or not the piece of paper is the document to which Beauséne refers. It is not my view that that is what Beauséne means; nor would it make any sense if it were taken that way. I take it that what it means is that, when a Minister indicates, as he did yesterday, that he is quoting from a letter, which is exactly what the "blues", the videotape, and *Hansard* show, then his obligation is to table that letter.

#### ALLEGED INCORRECT S.O. 21 STATEMENT

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Earlier today, when making a statement under Standing Order 21, the Hon. Member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Schellenberg) suggested to the House that I had received a political appointment, or had been recommended for one by the previous Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, when I started working here in 1966.

Page 243 of the *Canadian Parliamentary Guide* for 1981 shows clearly that the previous Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, one Denis Ethier, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972—six years after I had started working here. The *Parliamentary Guide* indicates that the Hon.

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Member for the riding in which I lived at that time was one Paul Tardif, later succeeded by John Turner. Those were my Members of Parliament, not the one stated incorrectly by the Hon. Member.

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#### CORRECTION OF S.O. 21 STATEMENT

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) on two or three occasions in this House has stated during Statements Pursuant to Standing Order 21 and during the course of Question Period last week that representatives of Action Now, a senior citizens' group from Saskatchewan, had been refused a meeting with me. I have checked with my office. There has never been any such request for a meeting with me. I would gladly meet with this group as I have over the years. I just wanted to make clear for the record that the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville is wrong in his facts and in this particular case he is ultimately and very much wrong.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

#### CHANGES TO OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride in the young people of our country that I present a petition today from some 400 students of Malvern Collegiate who are asking the Government to live up to the promise it made during the election campaign to index pensions to the full cost of living and ask the Government to reconsider its present policy.

I have another petition from senior citizens who reside at 1080 Eastern Avenue in my constituency and they make the same request.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed on behalf of the old age pensioners of Canada in which the petitioners ask the House to make sure that the Conservative Government lives up to its election promise of indexing the old age pension to the actual cost of living on a quarterly basis, and I think that that is very important. This is the fifth day on which Members of our Party have risen to present these petitions and the request obviously has the overwhelming support of Canadians everywhere.

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition to the House from many citizens of Windsor who protest the proposed deindexing of the old age pensions and call on Parliament to re-establish the full indexing of old age pensions.