

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Speaker:** On a point of order, the hon. member for York South—Weston.

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston):** Mr. Speaker, my colleague was in the middle of a point of privilege. He was given an opportunity to present his case and then you indicated that the matter was over. Then you proceeded to hear the Government House Leader, in effect reopening the matter.

I would like the opportunity to make some very brief submissions on this point if in fact the matter is still open.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am going to help the hon. member. First of all, I insisted that the government House leader rose on a point of order, not the point of privilege. The ruling has been made.

If the hon. member wishes to help the House and the Chair on a point of order, I of course will hear him. The hon. member for York South—Weston.

**Mr. Nunziata:** In your submissions, Sir, you indicated that the court has dealt with the matter. As you know, it was a criminal court dealing with the criminal law. That court was not considering the conduct of ministers of the Crown and government accountability—

**Mr. Speaker:** Just a minute. The point I am making is that the matter has been dealt with by a court. Now, the suggestion is being made that somehow or other this matter ought to be all redebated in the House under the guise of a question of privilege. If the House wants to debate the matter further, that is the business of the House, but I am bound by what is or what is not a question of privilege.

I have had to say to my hon. friend from Kingston and the Islands, who is a very good proceduralist, that no matter what merits his argument may have, in political terms or other terms, in my view it is not a question of privilege. It is no more appropriate for me to allow a question of privilege to go on, which is in the guise of reopening debate on some matter which, if it is to come in front of this House, should come in another way and it would not matter which side of the House it comes from.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

• (1130)

[English]

**PETITIONS****GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's responses to three petitions.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****JUSTICE AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL—FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Bob Horner (Mississauga West):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General, on prostitution and soliciting.

This is a short report which is a review of the legislation which was in effect. As we know, in most cities, the legislation was working well. However, in Toronto and Vancouver, it was not working quite so well. We have made only three recommendations.

We have also noted, since the prostitutes are usually victims of social injustice, child abuse, and so on, that they should not be further punished. We have recommended that social programs be set up to allow them to conduct a safer life-style.

We have made some recommendations because the police did want to identify these people and we have recommended changes to the Identification of Criminals Act.

I would like to table this report.

**PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS—SIXTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the sixteenth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, in relation to Private Members' Business.