

If the hon. member is rising on the same point of privilege, again I would caution and appeal to the hon. member for Kindersley—Lloydminster to choose his words very carefully.

Mr. Elwin Hermanson (Kindersley—Lloydminster, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, on this point of privilege, I would like the House to look at citation 409 of Beauchesne's, clause 6 which says:

A question must be within the administrative competence of the Government. The Minister to whom the question is directed is responsible to the House for his or her present Ministry and not for any decisions taken in a previous portfolio.

The member for Kootenay East in his question said: "An undercover officer said it is a complete and utter farce. This is a definite blow to drug enforcement"—

Some hon. members: Sit down.

The Speaker: In response to the hon. member for Kindersley—Lloydminster, I am aware of the citation. I am aware of the rules that govern the House of Commons. It is because I am aware of these rules, as best I can I am trying to carry them out.

If the hon. member for Kindersley—Lloydminster would care to pursue this point in my chambers, I would be more than happy to listen.

If the hon. members for Kindersley—Lloydminster or Kootenay East after discussions with me feel that it is so imperative to pursue this in the House then I am the servant of the House and as such I would be prepared at that time to at least consider a point of privilege. As of now, with regard to this matter, I would again appeal to both hon. members to see me in my chambers because I am not prepared to pursue it at this time any further.

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[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Michel Bellehumeur (Berthier—Montcalm, BQ): Mr. Speaker, as is our custom, I would like to ask the House leader if he could tell us what the order of business will be next week.

[English]

Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present the weekly business statement.

Tomorrow the House will consider third reading of Bill C-75, the farm loans legislation and all stages of Bill C-81 respecting the Buffalo-Fort Erie bridge. I understand there is agreement to complete both these bills tomorrow.

Supply

On Monday and Tuesday, we will consider Bill C-76, the budget implementation bill and Wednesday shall be the final allotted day in the present supply period.

Mr. Hermanson: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder if the hon. government House leader would inform the House what the government's intentions are in regard to Motion No. 24.

Mr. Gray: Mr. Speaker, I will have to check the Order Paper and get back to my hon. friend. If he would like me to say something to be recorded in *Hansard*, I will rise on a point of order, or my parliamentary secretary will, and provide the information.

That motion is to set up a special joint committee of the House and Senate to consider a code of conduct for members and senators. Certainly it is our desire to have such a committee set up.

If the hon. member now wishes to have such a committee set up as does his colleagues, then I will be happy to consult with him, or my parliamentary secretary will, to find the appropriate time to bring that debate quickly to an end so the work of the joint committee can begin.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY—FEDERAL—PROVINCIAL JURISDICTIONS

The House resumed consideration of the motion.

Mr. Martin Cauchon (Outremont, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I must say it is with mixed feelings that I rise today in the House to discuss a motion tabled by the official opposition member for Richmond—Wolfe.

By mixed feelings, I mean that, looking at the motion and the four bills mentioned therein, I sincerely do not understand a thing. The four bills that, according to the official opposition, are extremely centralizing are in fact and without a doubt excessively decentralizing.

I have mixed feelings because, as I have said before in this House, I believe that the official opposition can do a good job if it acts in good faith and stands up for its constituents' interests. Once again, I must admit these people are unable to rise above strictly partisan interests. The motion under consideration is another astonishing example of this fact.

• (1515)

I have mixed feelings because, on the other hand, I have the opportunity to rise in this House and express myself on what is