

The honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona having risen to speak;

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: The honourable Member rose on a point of order claiming that there is a precedent or a citation which he can bring forward in support of his claim that he should be allowed to make some clarification of the statement made by the Minister. I have May's in front of me; the honourable Member can obtain the book from the Table. The honourable Member said that within one page of the citation that was quoted yesterday there is such a statement. I have the book before me but I certainly cannot find anything here to justify the claim made by the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

Far from my trying to limit the honourable Member in his contention that he should be allowed to speak a second time on the question that he has raised, I think that he will admit and all honourable Members of the House will agree that I have been as lenient as possible.

The advice I received is that there is no precedent to justify the position which the honourable Member seeks to take now. I have looked at the citations. I am advised from the Table that there is nothing to support the contention advanced by the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona. I must take my responsibilities and face the situation as it is.

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And the honourable Member for Kamloops (the Honourable Mr. Fulton) having risen to speak on the question whether the proposed motion involved a *prima facie* question of privilege and also whether it was raised at the earliest possible moment;

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: If the honourable Member thinks that he has a question of order, then I will certainly allow him to speak on the point of order which he seeks to raise at this time. An alleged question of privilege was raised yesterday. The honourable Minister was allowed to make a statement. The honourable Member has suggested that he should be allowed to speak on the point of order and I would hear him.

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And consideration of the point of order continuing;

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: I thank honourable Members for their assistance in enlightening the Chair on the point of order. I thank the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Hellyer) for his ready acceptance of the suggestion I made yesterday to say a few words in explanation of the statement he is alleged to have made against the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Nugent).

As has been pointed out by the honourable Member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton), there are two points before the Chair at the moment. One—and it is not an easy point for the Chair to decide—is whether the motion presented today by the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona follows upon the question of privilege which he raised yesterday. I think in fairness to the Chair it should be pointed out that no motion was moved yesterday and that today the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona presented a motion which he submitted to the Chair. In my mind, looking at it very objectively, it certainly goes considerably beyond the scope of the limited question of privilege raised by the honourable Member. This is the essence or purport of the words,