

Question of Privilege

Various references are quoted in that citation. In view of the statement by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra I suggest to hon. members that we follow the direction suggested by Beauchesne, namely that his statement should be accepted. If any hon. member does not care to accept that statement, then another proceeding is open to him. That proceeding is to move a motion on his own responsibility.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Pickersgill: There is no point of order.

Mr. Pugh: Yes, there is. On a point of order, this statement was made yesterday in the House of Commons. The hon. gentleman who rose just now on a question of privilege should have risen at that time. Obviously he was a little confused in his mind as to whether he had done it. He should have risen at that time and protested. A question of privilege certainly cannot arise at this hour, one day later.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the hon. member has a good question of privilege and has risen at the first available opportunity. Any hon. member is entitled to review what has been recorded in *Hansard*.

Mr. Bell: He was here last night.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest that the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Deachman: With respect, Mr. Speaker, the statement made in this house is false. I have asked for a retraction of what is a false statement. By affidavit—and I could bring a bushel of affidavits—I could prove that this statement is false. I do not want a false statement standing against my name on the record of the House of Commons, and with all respect I ask the hon. gentleman to retract his statement, as I think any hon. gentleman in this house should, having made a statement of that kind.

Mr. Speaker: Might I suggest this to the hon. member for Bow River. There was much heat in the discussion last evening. I happened to be in the Chair at the time, and perhaps it was because I was in the Chair that we had such a heated discussion; I do not know. But I suggest to the hon. member that in the circumstances he should, as ac-

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ording to the authorities he must, take the word of the hon. member with respect to the sentences complained of.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I have always appreciated the gracious manner in which you have regulated the procedure of this house, but I have no hesitation whatever in staying with the remarks I made last evening.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker, I should like to know what are the courses now open to me respecting this false statement, which stands on the record and for which the hon. gentleman intends to make no apology whatever.

Mr. Speaker: I think I have heard enough from two hon. members at least to pose a question which I should like to study in light of the authorities, so I will take the matter under advisement and try to bring in a decision as quickly as possible.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**CHANGES IN COMMITTEE PERSONNEL—MOTION TO PROCEED TO ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Mr. J. E. Walker (York Centre) moved:

That the names of Messrs. Woolliams, Fairweather, Nugent, Rhéaume, Simpson, Hales, Munro, Rideout, Byrne, Brewin and Martin (Timmins) be substituted for those of Messrs. Grafftey, Irvine, Millar, Muir (Lisgar), Noble, Stenson, Foy, Laverdière, Habel, Orlikow and Knowles on the standing committee on industrial relations.

That the names of Messrs. Howe (Wellington-Huron), Rideout and Leboe be substituted for those of Messrs. Paul, Klein, and Marcoux on the special joint committee on the Canada pension plan.

That the names of Messrs. Leduc and Cyr be substituted for those of Messrs. Laniel and Lessard (St. Henry) on the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

That the name of Mr. Kelly be substituted for that of Mr. Munro on the standing committee on banking and commerce.

That the names of Messrs. More and Walker be substituted for those of Messrs. Chatterton and Cameron (High Park) on the standing committee on external affairs.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of standing order 44 to move what is known as a superseding motion. Perhaps I should read standing order 44, which is as follows:

When a question is under debate no motion is received unless to amend it; to postpone it to a day certain; for the previous question; for reading the orders of the day; for proceeding to another order; to adjourn the debate; or for the adjournment of the house.