

Privilege—Mr. Kilgour

hon. member opposite ought to stop telling us about his responsibilities toward members of the bar. He is the third one who has done that.

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, I disagree completely with the hon. member opposite. This is a matter of abiding by the rule of law. You do not have to decide whether the matter is legal or not, but rather, in my opinion, whether there is a valid question for the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on. I think that if you agree with this, you can say that the rights and privileges of the members of this House are involved and that the Speaker cannot force the hon. members to vote on this motion and to proceed in this regard. With all due respect, I am asking you as a Member of Parliament and as a lawyer like many others to extend the application of our rules. Yesterday evening, I asked whether you could give a larger definition of the word "obstacle." Would it be possible to also extend the meaning of our rules? If not, as I noted earlier, we are placed in a rather ridiculous position. May I call it six o'clock, Madam Speaker?

[*English*]

Madam Speaker: The hon. member still has a few minutes. If he wants to conclude before six o'clock, he would have to do it now.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, as I said yesterday, you are not a lawyer and you do not have much experience in legal

matters. Every day of their life, judges decide matters from a rather narrow position. Could we extend this position? In my opinion, it would be much better for this House if you could take a larger view than you have done so far. I believe that it was not necessary in the interests of the members of this House that you make a ruling from a rather narrow position. Madam Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

Madam Speaker: I believe that if the hon. member could conclude in two minutes, we could obtain the agreement of the House so that—

• (1800)

[*English*]

I will hear the hon. member for a few minutes more, if he is able to conclude. I think he should be able to conclude since he has been talking on this point for quite a while. I will hear him for a few minutes, but not for too long.

Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Stevens: On a point of order, Madam Speaker—

An hon. Member: Six o'clock!

Madam Speaker: It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

At 6.01 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.