

Well, the hon. member does not speak to the point at all. He has been speaking of everything except the plebiscite. Now, this afternoon—

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Mr. Winkler: There are all kinds of other things involved.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: —the Conservative deputy leader suggested that closure be applied and that the vote be taken immediately—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I do not feel there is any point of order in the remarks just made by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette).

I followed as closely as possible the remarks of the hon. member for Middlesex East (Mr. Millar). They seem entirely relevant to the amendment now before the house and I ask the hon. member for Villeneuve to co-operate in allowing the hon. member who has the floor to proceed with his speech.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I do not object to the hon. member for Middlesex East—

Mr. Dupuis: Est-milieu.

Mr. Caouette: —being heard. I simply abide by the standing order which requires—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Villeneuve is only repeating the argument he put forward a moment ago.

The Chair is perfectly aware of the standing order the hon. member is referring to and will see to it that it is respected should it feel the hon. member for Middlesex East is violating it.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, again on a point of order. The hon. member does not keep at all—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

The hon. member for Villeneuve is raising for the third time the same point of order on which the Chair gave a ruling.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to appeal your ruling, I just want to say that the hon. member who has the floor must respect the rules of the house.

Mr. Lambert: You too.

Mr. Caouette: I hear the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) tell me that I too—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member who has the floor must, of course, follow the rules of the house, and the hon. member for Villeneuve must do so also.

Since there was a ruling on that point, I shall ask the latter to abide by it so that the hon. member who has the floor may proceed with his remarks.

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Mr. Millar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There seems to be some difference of opinion as to whom I must satisfy in this house—you, Your Honour, or the self-appointed speaker we have in the Cr ditiste party. I have no difficulty in making a decision in this regard.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. This is not a point of order, but a question of privilege.

Is the hon. member entitled to mention my interventions concerning the nature of his remarks, the speech he is delivering, which is entirely irrelevant to the matter we are discussing at this moment, that is the amendment to decide whether or not we should hold a plebiscite in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to give a ruling on this point.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: I recognize the hon. member for Middlesex East.

Mr. Millar: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I was about to suggest that the present Prime Minister came to the city of London during the election campaign and spoke to some 5,000 people, all good Canadians, though not my supporters, yet he made no mention of a new flag for Canada at that time.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Millar: That is true.

Mr. Caouette: Talk about the plebiscite. Order.

Mr. Millar: What I have said is the fact.

Some hon. Members: Resign.

Mr. Millar: Perhaps I should resign. If the hon. member will keep quiet I will repeat what I have said.

Mr. Caouette: Oh, no, do not repeat.

Mr. Millar: The present Conservative amendment proposes that the people of Canada shall have the opportunity of indicating in a democratic way whether or not they want a new flag for Canada. Does that satisfy the hon. member?

An hon. Member: You read very well.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.