

Your Honour here in the Chamber has effective control over the console in which mikes are recognized and so on, and is an absolutely essential feature to maintenance of order, so, too, must the chairman and the committee, and it is impossible to do without. Otherwise, without such authority in the Chair, there would be privileges of members abused on a continuous basis.

Clearly, a member who shouts and refuses to recognize or allow the person who is recognized by the Chair to proceed with their interrogation or statement is clearly, by that interjection, interfering with the privileges of that member to pursue with the committee that which he or she is trying to pursue. It is indeed essential for the protection of the privileges of members at committee that the chairman have that kind of authority.

In terms of what is appropriate to the record of a committee and in terms of the *Hansard* equivalent and so on, I think that is a legitimate question of order. I think that is a legitimate question that should be asked. As the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell said, the committees are masters of their own rules and, indeed, it would be an appropriate item for discussion at that particular committee as to what a committee might decide is appropriate. If a committee decided that heckles, gestures, yells, screams and other distractions are somehow contributing to a more accurate written record of the proceedings of the committee, then so be it. But if they, in their wisdom, decide that those sorts of things do not contribute to a proper reflection of proceedings at committee, then that too should be the decision of the committee.

Finally, I will end where I started. It is quite clear that we are not dealing with a question of privilege, under any definition of privilege that I have been able to find, but rather an argument over procedures used in committee.

• (1520)

**Mr. Speaker:** I am going to interrupt the interventions because I have listened to this with some concern and have read the letter.

At this point I am going to ask the hon. member for Nickel Belt and others who are concerned about this to take it back to committee. Depending on what happens there, I may hear the matter further.

*Privilege*

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, this being Thursday, I would like to ask the government House leader if he has any idea what business we would be looking at in the next few days, starting with tomorrow?

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, at this time on the parliamentary calendar it is frequently difficult to know what we will be doing half an hour from now, let alone for the next few days.

We will continue this afternoon with Bill C-58, dealing with young offenders.

It is my expectation that tomorrow we will have business arising out of a decision by the Senate. Apparently they have not taken the decision they were expected to take so we may have to come back on June 21 or June 22 to deal with that. We will discuss that later with members of the opposition.

If that should not come to pass for some reason which I cannot at this time contemplate, we might deal tomorrow with Bill C-72, the act to establish the Canadian Polar Commission and Bill C-68, the Yukon Quartz Mining Act.

On Monday, Mr. Nelson Mandela has been invited to address the House at 11 a.m. It would be my expectation to call for the commencement of debate on the main motion arising out of the constitutional discussions of last week. That will be subject to discussions we will have through the usual channels.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking some further information this afternoon from the House leader. I think we should meet and discuss some of the issues before us. I know the Senate has S-17 dealing with the variable entrance requirements which the House may have to address tomorrow or Monday.

Bill C-28, which the minister alluded to, I am sure the Senate would see fit to report today if some of us asked, and we are asking right now for them to do so. We can get that for the House and settle the issue.

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I have two questions for the government.