

Privilege—Mr. Lawrence

also, Madam Speaker, as an officer of the court of this land. The reason I am indicating to you—

Mr. Kristiansen: Madam Speaker, a point of order—

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen).

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West): Madam Speaker, in spite of your continual rulings that the sub judge argument was out of order and not acceptable; in spite of your continual references that the matter of somebody's obligations or duties as a member of the bar or as a member of the IWA, or as a member of the tin canners' society or something else, has nothing to do with our obligations and duties as members of this House, the member goes on and on and on.

Surely, Madam Speaker, there must come a point where the majority has some rights as does the minority.

Members have talked about impeding progress, Madam Speaker. These members are impeding the progress of a number of very important items through this House, not only the matter to which they make constant reference but the other matter on which here was an attempt to get an agreement so that we could proceed today.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Kristiansen: I suggest, Madam Speaker, that the hon. member who raised the last question of privilege has been pursuing those matters which you have already ruled out of order to the extent that it could almost be said that he is showing contempt for the Speaker of this House, and I think that is abominable.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lawrence: Madam Speaker, I hope I have achieved the first two burdens that there are upon you. I now come to the third burden, the one that is upon me. That third burden, Madam Speaker, is—

[*Translation*]

Mr. Tousignant: I rise on a point or order, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Témiscamingue on a point of order.

Mr. Tousignant: Madam Speaker, with all due respect to the hon. member, for whom I have much esteem, we have been hearing for over an hour and a half exactly the same question of privilege word for word as that raised by the previous speaker. I wonder why the hon. member would feel bound by the judgment of the court in Newfoundland and question that of the Manitoba court. Moreover, I would appreciate that the hon. member stop labouring the point that he has many responsibilities compared to those other members who are not lawyers. It seems to me that the hon. member is applying a double standard concerning the oath of office made by the

members of this House. It makes me sick to hear this and I would appreciate that he stop doing it.

[*English*]

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Durham-Northumberland must realize that some other members of the House are becoming somewhat impatient with the fact—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The Speaker has to satisfy everybody in the House. The hon. member knows he is repeating arguments which have been brought forward by his colleague. I hate to get up every other minute. I have had to rise several times in the course of the hon. member's intervention. That must be a message to him that something in his discourse is repetitive or not totally in order, considering that I have already ruled upon a certain question. The hon. member is of the bar and he knows all these rules; he knows how they should be applied in order to conform to the question of privilege itself.

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, I have a point of order. Being a great admirer of the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence) and having been in this House a few years ago on one of the few occasions when the hon. member was successful in bringing a question of privilege to this House which was recognized by the Speaker then in the chair and which was debated at length in this House, I think that when he speaks on a question of privilege, he knows whereof he speaks and we ought to listen to him.

I do not want to leave unchallenged the words put on the record by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen) and the member on the other side of the House. The hon. member for Durham-Northumberland has said that he is a member of that august body, the Law Society of Upper Canada. No more should be said. That society operates under a statute of the province of Ontario which is binding on people in the province of Ontario and which, in particular, is binding on the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland.

In answer to the hon. member across the way, let me say there is a difference. Those members of this House who are bound by provincial statutes with respect to the administration of justice in their province, have an obligation to observe the terms of those statutes and are affected in a different way. To that extent, if he wants to term that a double standard, then there is one.

I happen to be a member of the bar of Ontario and the bar of Nova Scotia so I am very much interested in this question of privilege. I think it should go forward without interruption by those who do not know better.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lawrence: May I—I hope forever—get off this point. Obviously there are people in the House who do not understand that there is discrimination in this House. We are not all