

### PRIVILEGE

MR. HAWKES—ALLEGED MISLEADING STATEMENT OF MR. LALONDE

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) may have inadvertently misled the House during question period when he indicated that Alberta benefited from the gasoline taxes in Quebec. The House will know that gasoline sold in Quebec for the most part is imported.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. Discussion as to facts and statements does not constitute a question of privilege. The hon. member is trying to prolong the question period. He should know that is not possible.

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### POINT OF ORDER

MR. MCKINNON—ANSWER GIVEN BY MR. MACGUIGAN DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order regarding the third attempt which the minister made to try to answer one of my questions. The figures he gave include figures for non-military stores such as twin-otter aircraft, repairing engines of those aircraft—

**Madam Speaker:** Order. I understand the hon. member's desire to debate this question, but he can do that at another time. That is not a point of order.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Without intending in any way whatsoever, Madam Speaker, to reflect upon the actions of the Chair, the events of today might be re-examined in the light of the intervention by the hon. member for Saint Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) which gave the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) the opportunity to get up on what in effect was an extension of the question period. I thought at the time that that should not have been allowed and the answer should not have been allowed. All that the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon) wanted was to do precisely what was allowed the hon. member for Saint Denis and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. member for Saint Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) was recognized at about three minutes after three o'clock. It is true it was a few minutes past the time at which question period normally is terminated. It happens that sometimes for certain reasons I extend it for two or three minutes, especially when I feel that answers, for example, have been longer than usual. Sometimes it is very difficult for me to interrupt a minister in the course of some lengthy answer, and obviously hon. members want the information. Of course, some answers are more complicated than others.

### Tabling of Documents

I interrupted the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) during his answer. I felt it was too long, so I interrupted him. I also felt that given this information, he probably could have answered the question the first time it was asked. I assumed he would have another opportunity to give this information to the House.

I recognized the hon. member for Saint Denis on a question which was quite legitimate. When a question is asked during question period, an answer is allowed. That is exactly what happened at 3.03. I do not feel that in any way it has been a departure from custom.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a very short question of privilege. I want this House to be assured that at no time was Madam Speaker in a position to know that my question was going to be on the same subject.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I do not want to debate this. I think it is quite clear that I do not know in advance what the questions will be. That is obvious to all members.

**Mr. Taylor:** Madam Speaker, on a point of order. You mentioned that you want us to have all the information. Surely we should have all information and not just part of it.

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### PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORT OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by hon. members on Tuesday, April 6, 1982, and finds that the petitions meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

#### PETRO-CANADA

TABLING OF 1981 ANNUAL REPORT

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table copies of the annual report of Petro-Canada for 1981, in both official languages.

[English]

My friends on the opposition side will be very happy to see that it shows black ink and not red ink, as they noted yesterday.