

I listened to the Hon. Member for York South—Weston the other day and again today. I think I have the fact pattern as he has presented it, clearly and effectively. If I have not, if there is something missing, I would invite the Hon. Member perhaps to conclude with it in a moment or two.

I want to say to the Hon. Solicitor General that I appreciate his courtesy in coming back to the House on this matter. I have listened carefully to what has been said. I will look very carefully at everything that has been said. However, I think we cannot stray here on a point of privilege into other matters that may very well be the subject of a debate in this place but under another procedure.

I would ask the Hon. Member for York South—Weston, if he feels there is anything else the Chair needs to know, perhaps to wrap up his argument. I am taking the matter seriously and I am listening very carefully.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, in view of your concerns, I will conclude by referring once again to this memorandum. I repeat a particular sentence where the warden says: "Such conduct on the part of an Inmate Committee Chairman is totally unacceptable to me". In other words, what the warden is saying is that it is totally unacceptable for an inmate to speak to his Member of Parliament and the opposition critic for the Solicitor General.

In conclusion, the Chair would have to find, first, that in fact a telephone conversation was intercepted, regardless of the means, and I think the memorandum and the Solicitor General himself confirm the fact that an official was listening in on the conversation. That is agreed upon. Then, Sir, you would have to decide whether the circumstances are such that my privileges as a Member of Parliament have been breached, whether it was appropriate for that conversation to be listened to, and the punitive action taken as a result of that particular conversation.

It would be my respectful submission that in fact my privileges have been breached for the reasons I gave today and yesterday. Accordingly, I would ask you, Sir, to find that my privileges have been breached and provide me with the opportunity to move the necessary motion to refer this matter to the Committee on Elections and Privileges for a complete and thorough review and recommendation to the House.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Member for York South-Weston. I wonder if the Hon. Solicitor General could help the Chair on just one question? And I again thank the Hon. Solicitor General for his courtesy in coming back here immediately to help us. Can the Hon. Solicitor General advise me whether there was available a private telephone that this particular person could have used to discuss whatever it was he

had to discuss or wished to discuss with his Member of Parliament? Was there any other form of telephone communication other than that available in the open room where apparently there were some members of staff?

Mr. Kelleher: No, Mr. Speaker, there was not, nor is there one anywhere in the prison. We do have a special room with a telephone that is, if I may use the phrase, clear or clean, when an inmate wishes to talk to his solicitor. We fully respect the solicitor-client privilege. When that is the object of the call, he is taken to that room. He is left alone and there is no such warning on the telephone. It is an absolutely clean and clear line to the solicitor.

This was not that type of call. As I understand it, it was not to the Hon. Member in his capacity as solicitor for the inmate but in his capacity as a Member of Parliament. For that reason, he was not taken to that other room.

Mr. Speaker: I want to thank the Hon. Solicitor General for assisting the Chair in this matter. I would say to the Hon. Member for York South-Weston that the Chair will give this matter very careful consideration.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the House with respect to the business for tomorrow and the next day that we will be considering Bill C-46, which is an Act to revise the Royal Canadian Mint; Bill C-75, which is an agreement between Canada and Nova Scotia with respect to energy; and Bill C-76 and Bill C-77, which are in relation to the Emergency Preparedness Act and the War Measures Act.

We would reserve the right to change the order of those items in order to facilitate the business of the House. I have indicated to my hon. colleagues that in view of the earlier disruption of the business of the House for 15 minutes, and since there is no vote with respect to the opposition day topic, the Government would be prepared to extend the time allotted from 6 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. to allow for the time lost while we were outside.

I would also advise my hon. colleague, the House Leader of the New Democratic Party, with respect to the House Leaders' meeting which was scheduled for 3.30 p.m., that since we have been tied up and we all have other things to do, I think, in view of the events of the day and other events which are taking place, it might be more productive to have a House Leaders' meeting later this week.