

*Points of Order***PRIVILEGE**

MR. ROBINSON (BURNABY)—PROCEEDINGS IN STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege which stems from the actions which were taken in the last three days in the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs by the Chairman of that Standing Committee. In my view, those actions very seriously undermined the integrity of the parliamentary committee process as well as the rules of order of this House.

On Wednesday last the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs was considering Bill C-9, and at that time the Chairman of the Standing Committee—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the Hon. Member please resume his seat? It is a well established principle of the House, and I quote Citation 76 of Beauchesne's, that:

Breaches of privilege in committee may be dealt with only by the House itself on report from the committee.

The House has not yet received a report from the committee. At this stage, until such report has been received, the Chair cannot entertain a matter of privilege in relation to a matter that has transpired in committee.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have been given notice of a second matter of privilege but the Hon. Member who has given me notice is the Hon. Member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko) and he is not present in the House. I recognize the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) on a point of order.

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**POINTS OF ORDER**

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order relating to the statements made by the Government House Leader prior to the last vote in the House. At that time he pointed out that the Cree-Naskapi Bill would be coming up this afternoon. We recognize the importance of that Bill and I rise—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the Hon. Member please cite the Standing Order that he feels has been violated? The Hon. Member cannot enter into debate at this point. He raises a point of order. Would he please state his point of order?

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the unanimous consent of the House to move to Orders of the Day at this time. I have asked for the unanimous consent to make a motion—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member was recognized on a point of order. He cannot move a motion to proceed to Orders of the Day at this point.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will hear the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) on a point of order. He has already been heard on a matter of privilege which was not privilege.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I move that the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin)—

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion cannot be entertained on a point of order.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** I move that the Hon. Member for Regina West be now heard.

● (1240)

**Mr. Speaker:** For the purpose of clarifying the rules, to move that a Member be heard there must be a motion before the House and a debate. At the present time there is no motion before the House. Two Members have to rise, in which case there is a dispute as to which one is recognized. The Hon. Member under these circumstances cannot move such a motion. The Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, I move that this House now hear the Hon. Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen).

**Mr. Speaker:** For exactly the same reason which I have just given to the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson), the Hon. Member cannot move such a motion at this point. There is no motion before the House. A motion that someone be heard cannot be entertained when there is no motion before the House. Is the Hon. Member for Burnaby again rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Speaker:** In that case, I will move to Presenting Reports from Standing and Special Committees. The Chair will recognize the Hon. Member for Rosemont (Mr. Lachance).

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Rosemont):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the First Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.