

*Point of Order—Mr. Paproski*

motion says "to pursue arms control negotiations". It does not call for an arms build-up alone. It also calls for arms control negotiations, and I feel very strongly about Canadian members of Parliament and senators going to NATO and NORAD and voting against NATO and NORAD. They do not want us in NATO and NORAD. They have made that point very clearly over the years.

The hon. member talks about the democratic process. I can express my opinion, and I express my strongly held opinion, one which has been expressed by many Canadians, that with regard to NATO and NORAD the New Democratic Party has a lack of concern about the defence of Canada at a time when there is an arms build-up and invasions. Since Russia is invading Afghanistan, this is not a time to be pulling out of NATO or NORAD or to abstain from voting when we go to Brussels or Luxembourg NATO meetings. There is nothing in the resolution which would say that the hon. member should not vote, because it covers both conditions, arms control and arms build-up, and my motion was accepted. I question whether the hon. member has the right to a question of privilege.

● (1230)

**Madam Speaker:** We have here a difference of opinion between two members regarding deliberations which took place in a body other than this Parliament. The motion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie) might have been on the border of not being quite in order, but these motions come in so rapidly and they are spontaneous, so perhaps under scrutiny—I do not recall the exact terms of the motion—it might be found to be out of order. I am making those reservations with all the risks that that entails. Therefore, the remarks which the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant) made would have been out of order also, but because I cannot judge instantly and without a closer examination of the motion whether the motion under Standing Order 43 put forward by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine is really in order, I have to accept the remarks made by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake.

However, this is basically a difference of opinion between the two hon. members, and therefore it is not a matter of privilege.

MR. MILLER—NOTICE OF QUESTION TO BE RAISED

**Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni):** Madam Speaker, last night I indicated I might be rising on a question of privilege today and I sent you written notice of it. However, the hon. member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) is not here today, so with your permission I would like to request that I be permitted to raise this matter when both the hon. member and myself are in the House.

**POINT OF ORDER**

MR. PAPROSKI—LOTTERIES AGREEMENT WITH PROVINCES—ANSWER OF PRIME MINISTER DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, I rise on the point of order which was raised yesterday by the hon. member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski). In reply to his point of order I stated yesterday that I would convey his representations to the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). I would like to make a very short statement for the record so as to straighten out the facts.

On October 5, 1978, the federal government and all of the provinces, with the exception of Nova Scotia, signed a memorandum of understanding whereby, *inter alia*, the federal government would restrict its lottery market products to a retail price of \$10 and up, and the provinces would limit themselves to products retailed at \$9 and below. That memorandum was signed by Iona Campagnolo on behalf of the federal government and by Reuben Baetz on behalf of the provinces.

So the hon. member for Edmonton North who was questioning an answer given by the Prime Minister in this House and saying that no agreement was signed will note that the facts which I have just stated indicate that the Prime Minister was right. I wanted that to be on the record today.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Second report of Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs—Mr. Cullen.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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**AGRICULTURE**

DROUGHT—STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to be able to provide the House today with details of the government's assistance programs for farmers who have been hard hit by drought conditions in western Canada. My colleague, the minister in charge of the Wheat Board, was supposed to be making a statement at the same time in western Canada. He has probably already made it by now as we in the House were delayed by this long point of