

*The Address— Mr. F. Roy*

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we too are prepared to consider and, indeed, to consider favourably the suggestion you have made for a reference to a committee.

In effect, what you are suggesting is that the various aspects of what it means to be a group or a party in this House be considered separately, rather than assuming that one motion settles all the facets of the matter. We think that is worth while. We are prepared to enter into such discussions with the other House leaders for the purpose of considering a committee reference. In the meantime, we are pleased that the present issue is being settled amicably and that we shall now hear from the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Roy).

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few brief remarks on the subject under consideration. Yesterday I spoke of the dignity of Parliament, but I stayed up quite late, and tried to get to the bottom of things: the first principle mentioned in Beauséne is that of parliamentary law. I simply want to read two sentences.

The principles that lie at the basis of English parliamentary law have always been kept steadily in view by the Canadian Parliament; these are: to protect a minority and restrain the improvidence or tyranny of a majority.

So today everybody seems more understanding and in your wisdom, Mr. Speaker, you have made a suggestion which seems acceptable, namely that the whole question be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections in the light of the information you have provided and with reference to a ruling made in 1963. I am therefore led to believe that we shall proceed as usual and I feel that this solution will promote harmony and allow Parliament to operate normally and efficiently.

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Baker).

## APPENDIX TO HANSARD—LIST OF MEASURES TABLED THIS DAY

**Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I tabled a few minutes ago a list of legislation, in both official languages, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2). I neglected to ask the House whether, for easy reference, it would be appropriate to have it appended to *Hansard* of this day. I ask now if that could be done.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is agreed and so ordered.

[*Editor's Note: For above list, see Appendix.*]

## CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

**Mr. Speaker:** I just wish to pay tribute to my distinguished predecessor, Speaker Alan Macnaughton, for the excellent

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reasoning of 1963 which I have commended to the House for consideration.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Fabien Roy (Beauce):** Mr. Speaker, I thank you for recognizing me at this time. There is no doubt, anyway, that because this is my maiden speech in the House, my colleagues of the House have looked forward to it for a long time.

Mr. Speaker, words of welcome were addressed to the new hon. members which made me very happy; I want to thank those who expressed their welcome in my behalf though I must say that, as far as I am concerned, I had a feeling, at one point, that the words of welcome took on a slightly different tone.

That having been said, Mr. Speaker, allow me first of all to congratulate you most sincerely on your appointment to the very important office which presiding over the business of the House constitutes. The experience acquired in that post over the last few years and the way in which you assumed that important role have made of you a man of high repute who has deserved the trust and esteem of all his colleagues on both sides of the House. I want to assure you of my wholehearted co-operation in ensuring that our parliamentary business is performed in an orderly and dignified fashion, in the better interest of our fellow-citizens, and with the utmost respect for our parliamentary institution.

Mr. Speaker, please also allow me to pay tribute to and thank, as I should, the voters, men and women of Beauce for the confidence they have shown me once again, because after having given me three mandates to the Quebec National Assembly, the Beauce riding electors did not hesitate to give me a first mandate to the House of Commons and this with a sweeping majority.

That is to say, Mr. Speaker, that I am well aware of the resulting responsibilities and that I intend to assume them fully with my modest means, in close co-operation with my fellow members of the Social Credit Party of Canada, yet remembering that my predecessors, Mr. Réal Caouette and Mr. André Fortin, have always been equal to their task. I would be remiss were I not to take this privileged occasion to congratulate my colleagues from Abitibi (Mr. Caouette), Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert), Rimouski (Mr. Allard), and Roberval (Mr. Gauthier) who did well in keeping the confidence of their electors. Their political beliefs, their tenacity, it should be mentioned, as well as their loyalty and their almost limitless devotion to duty have succeeded in triumphing once again over the electoral machine of the traditional political groups. The dean of our group, the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier), who has been a member of parliament since 1962 and who acted as leader of our parliamentary wing until last May 22 deserves all our consideration.

Finally, I want to thank most sincerely the half million voters who gave us their support at the last election and who