

*Privilege—Mr. Rodriguez*

● (1520)

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance):** To settle that point, Mr. Speaker, the point I made was that I have not refused to go before the House of Commons finance committee. The House of Commons finance committee originally suggested, after I had written and told them what days I was available on, that they wanted me to appear before Governor Bouey. I sent back a message—I was not speaking to them myself—to say that Governor Bouey would wish to appear before me and I agreed with him, and I would like Governor Bouey to appear before me. It was my preference. I did not say it was not my preference that Governor Bouey appear before me. Therefore, the members on the House of Commons steering committee who belong to my party—presumably the other members were unreasonable and did not agree—voted to change the House of Commons finance committee invitation so that they invited Governor Bouey first.

The point I am making, Mr. Speaker, is that I have not refused to go before the House of Commons finance committee and I do not refuse to go. Because I am anxious to get before the House of Commons finance committee, I will go there next week as planned.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There are other members who want to participate in this non-point of order. I ruled yesterday when it was first raised with respect to the business of the committee and with respect to dealing with a steering committee report and how that report is formulated, but more important, how it is taken into consideration by any committee, that that is the business of the committee.

It is always the function of a standing committee to accept or reject or otherwise deal with in the whole committee any steering committee report. The steering committee report, as is well known, has no validity in and of itself unless some action is taken upon it by the committee.

More important than that, it is a clear and well established point that this House does not sit in a procedural court of appeal on the proceedings of the standing committees. The matter was first raised as to whether or not invitations had been extended. Whether the report of the steering committee was accepted or rejected or acted upon or followed properly in the standing committee is, in fact, none of the concern of this House and I think it should stay that way.

**Mr. Herbert:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My point of order deals directly with the record of *Hansard* and an apparent desire on the part of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) to correct what is recorded in *Hansard* where it says "I will appear", and then he added "after the governor of the Bank of Canada has been heard by the committee."

The statement he has made just now appears to imply that he wants *Hansard* corrected. I should like to know if that is what he means or did he—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

[Mr. Rae.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) raises a point of order as to whether or not the Minister of Finance asked for a correction in *Hansard*. The minister did not ask for a correction in *Hansard*.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE ADMINISTRATION

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL LISTING ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND ACTING MINISTERS

**Hon. Walter Baker (President of Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to table in both official languages certified copies of PC 1979-2783, which is the order in council establishing acting prime ministers, ministers and their first and second acting ministers, to replace the one that I filed two or three days after the House began, to bring the record up to date. If it would be convenient, I would have no objection at all to having it attached to *Hansard* of this day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Agreed and so ordered.

[Editor's Note: For document above referred to, see Appendix.]

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### WAYS AND MEANS

#### DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY TO DEBATE WAYS AND MEANS MOTION

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 60 I wish to table two notices of ways and means motions to amend the Income Tax Act and to amend the Excise Tax Act. I would ask you to designate orders of the day necessary for the consideration thereof.

**Mr. Speaker:** Motions. The hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer) on a point of order.

**Mr. Speyer:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I tried to be recognized with respect to tabling of documents. I take it that time has now passed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is seeking to table a document in his capacity as a parliamentary secretary. Perhaps he might want to consult with his House leader to see whether or not that properly could be done tomorrow.