

carried on October 11. They have led, Mr. Speaker, to editorials and so on that would bring the House into serious disrepute.

I will throw another one that bothers me the most, the one that police forces—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member continues to try to argue the case, rather than meet the issue as to whether or not we can resolve this in a civil way by adjourning at this time and sorting out where there could be agreement and where there must remain disagreement. That is an option. It might make a lot of sense. But we cannot keep arguing every one of the allegations and going through them seriatim in this Chamber.

The sensible thing to do would be if the two hon. members are prepared to sit down together and say: "All right, maybe we can fix this up and live together. Maybe we come out with a statement that will at least preserve our own positions without offending others." Surely, that is something that can be worked out. I do not think it can be worked out on the floor of the House, although I think the House has exercised extraordinary patience for the last number of minutes. Perhaps, also, so has the Chair.

• (1630)

I put the suggestion to hon. members that the two of them agree to adjourn this matter, meet and see whether they can resolve it.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I am quite willing to do that. I would hope we would not talk to the press in the interlude.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I think I made my point clear. I have withdrawn the comments that I made in this House that in a sense summarize the comments made.

If my hon. friend is not prepared to withdraw the personal attacks and allegations upon me, then I say to him: If he wants to attack me personally, he ought to do that now.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Calgary West responds by saying he has withdrawn everything that was said in the House, just as the hon. member for Kamloops has. That is some advancement. I suggest that we adjourn this matter to hon. members. Their colleagues can discuss it further. All rights are reserved.

Point of Order

If the two hon. members would agree, I think that that would be the appropriate thing to do.

Mr. Riis: I agree. I think that your intervention is an appropriate one. As long as the understanding is there, if there is a need to return to this issue in terms of further allegations, I think what you said, Mr. Speaker, members would have the right to do just that.

Mr. Speaker: That is exactly the condition. I see the hon. member for Calgary West is in agreement.

First of all, I want to thank all hon. members who have been here for the last hour and who have exercised great patience in listening to this. Contrary to what the public often thinks, this has been a very civilized discussion on a very difficult issue indeed.

As your Speaker, I am going to say you are to be congratulated on your decorum this afternoon. Second, I want to thank the two hon. members. I hope that this matter can be resolved.

I want to thank the hon. member for Calgary West, the hon. member for Kamloops, and the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond for his helpful contribution. I want it also clear that the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond is not in the firing line.

The matter is adjourned.

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POINT OF ORDER

COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have two short points of order.

First, I know that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment is here. During Question Period, he suggested that I either support or endorse the 1987 Alcan agreement, which I do not. He thereby inferred that I might in some way be happy with the process of exempting the Alcan completion project from the 1984 cabinet guidelines order.

I know he is here. I have had a chance to speak to him. I am sure he would like to have something to say about not leaving what he said on the record.

Mr. Lee Clark (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, on the same point. As you will recall, I indicated earlier today in Question