

Some hon. Members: No, she has not.

Mr. Collenette: As a result, it is incumbent upon Your Honour to recognize any point of order or question of privilege relating to that aspect of routine proceedings alone. Since Your Honour has decided, in your wisdom, to move to that part of our proceedings, I would submit that the present point of order is completely out of order. My privileges and the privileges of every member in the House are being abrogated, unless we continue with points of order, questions of privilege or some proceeding relating to the presentation of reports from standing or special committees.

Madam Speaker: Well, I cannot recognize a point of order if it is not related to the proceedings of the day.

Mr. Andre: Then, I rise on another point of order.

Mr. Chrétien: Order!

Mr. Andre: Madam Speaker, the subject matter to which I referred has been raised in the House on many, many occasions going back to 1971. It has been raised and adjudicated upon by Speakers from March 10, 1971, to most recently.

Mr. Smith: Raise it at the appropriate time, which is not now.

Mr. Andre: The most recent occasion was last week. I did not go through the whole list of previous rulings, but I mentioned from 1971 to 1981, or the last ten years. On some of those occasions, especially in the early period, members rose when the appropriation bill, to which objection was being raised, was before the House. On those occasions, Mr. Speaker Lamoureux and Mr. Speaker Jerome said that it was too late. They said, "Your point is in order. The items are out of order, but it is too late. Therefore, I have no choice but to leave these out of order items in the appropriation bill because members did not raise their objections at the appropriate time".

Mr. Speaker Jerome appealed to members of the House, when I was a member, to raise such points of order well enough in advance so that the Chair could rule and argument could be heard.

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Madam Speaker: It is true that point of order was raised, but the hon. member had given notice of the point of order. That is the procedure which has been followed by previous Speakers.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I respectfully submit that there is no Standing Order which requires any member to give the Chair notice of a point of order. My understanding is that the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) is on a point of order. No notice is required, even though the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), who purports to know so much about the rules, broke those rules or practices when he smuggled in

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his notice yesterday, I think it was. There is no requirement for that practice, and it should not be allowed to grow.

Madam Speaker: It is true that there is no Standing Order to that effect, but there is also no reason why I should hear a point of order which is not related to the business of the House.

Mr. Stevens: It is.

Mr. Andre: May I explain how it is related?

Madam Speaker: I did not give the hon. member the floor yet. The hon. member has explained his position, and I told him that I could not entertain that point of order at this time. If it were related to the proceedings of the House, I could entertain it.

Also I answered the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). It is true that the Standing Orders do not indicate anything to that effect, but there is no reason why I should hear a point of order which is not related to the proceedings of the day; I think that is fair.

Mr. Andre: On a question of privilege, Madam Speaker—

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, with respect to whether the matter is before the House, the estimates to which the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) referred have been tabled in the House of Commons and are now before the House in committee. This is what the hon. member meant when he stated that these matters are now before the House. This is why I respectfully submit that it would be an appropriate time for the hon. member to be heard. He could have been heard yesterday; he might be heard tomorrow. But it is appropriate that he be heard now.

Mr. Andre: The President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) is here tonight.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): In addition, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) is here tonight.

Mr. Collenette: Madam Speaker, I am surprised the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) used this argument because, quite clearly, the estimates are now before committee.

Mr. Nielsen: That is the House; it is an extension of the House.

Mr. Collenette: A point of order would only be relevant at this particular stage in the proceedings if those estimates or any item had been reported before the House. At the moment we are on the item under routine proceedings which is the presentation of reports from standing or special committees.

Mr. Nielsen: No, we are not.

Mr. Collenette: I submit that no point of order or question of privilege is in order at this particular point in time, unless it is related to that particular aspect of routine proceedings.

Mr. Andre: A question of privilege, Madam Speaker—