

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the house will again agree to facilitate the work of the house and the task of the Chair. The hon. member said he had two questions. One is out of order but we have not heard the other.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: I do not need the consent of the other members. I am in order and I do not need anyone's consent to put questions.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member could perhaps put his question.

Mr. Grégoire: I wish to put my question. There is no question at all of *sub judice*.

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that he may not allude to that subject. It is clearly out of order.

Mr. Grégoire: I was not alluding to it Mr. Speaker. If you will listen to my question, you will see that the point I want to bring up is—

[English]

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. If the hon. member wishes to go to the orders of the day then I think he needs the unanimous consent of the house. He is not going to get it at this time, because we are now engaging in a debate that is before the house.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members appreciate that it is so difficult to know at exactly what point orders of the day are called or are not called. It seems to me it would be easier for all concerned to allow the hon. member to ask his question.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: It is a matter of common sense, I suggest to hon. members.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I know the difference between what is *sub judice* and what is not. If you will allow me to put my question, you will see that it is very important, because two Montrealers have been detained in prison for a year and a half without having been allowed a trial—

[English]

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member for Cape Breton South kindly assist me? I will recognize him in a moment. I should like to give the hon. member for Lapointe an opportunity to explain to me his question.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I wish to put my question as follows: Since two Montrealers, Gagnon and Vallières, have been in jail for a year and a half, without being brought to trial and since the case has been adjourned *sine die*, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he intends to use the Bill of Rights, so that both individuals may be brought to trial immediately or granted bail.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must maintain the ruling which I gave a moment ago.

[English]

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I respectfully submit that the question raised by the hon. member for Lapointe is of the most fundamental importance. Apparently some young men have been held without trial for 18 months. I submit the minister should be asked whether he will deal with this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I read reports of the trial this morning, but I have to go by the information I have. If I am wrong, then after considering the matter further perhaps the question can be permitted tomorrow.

[Translation]

, LABOUR RELATIONS

SUGGESTED DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS BEFORE BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct another question—

Some hon. Members: Order. Sit down.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, a 40-minute period is allowed for questions and I wish to direct another question to the Minister of Labour.

In view of the fact that the Canada Labour Relations Board has made a decision on a matter now under consideration by a committee of the house, does the minister intend to ask the Canada Labour Relations Board to postpone the implementation of this decision until the legislation is passed here?

Mr. Speaker: I think this question could be placed on the order paper.