

Mr. Nystrom: Throw him out.

Mr. Mayer: I fully agree with you, Mr. Speaker, when you say that we have to have confidence in the Chair to deal with the business of the House. I wrote this down, it may be paraphrasing, but you made the point that we must have confidence in the Chair in order to deal with the business of the House in an impartial way.

Mr. Evans: What is this, a conversation?

Mr. Mayer: I agree with that and I think all Hon. Members would agree with that. I can read the Standing Orders too. I believe you read Standing Order 33 from the Chair, but I will read it again:

When two or more Members rise to speak, the Speaker calls upon the Member who first rose in his or her place; but a motion may be made that any Member who has risen "be now heard", or "do now speak", which motion shall be forthwith put without debate.

My point of privilege is that yesterday afternoon in the debate the Speaker—

Mr. Evans: You are out of order.

An Hon. Member: That happened yesterday.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member will be aware that his point of privilege falls into a category similar to that of the Hon. Member for Vegreville.

Mr. Mayer: No, no.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If the matter arises out of yesterday's proceedings—

Mr. Mayer: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Then I will hear the Hon. Member.

Mr. Mayer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It arises out of what happened I suspect less than a half hour ago in the House. My concern is that there is a conflict. I have to—

An Hon. Member: You suspect?

Mr. Mayer: —relate to what happened yesterday in order to point out the conflict I see with what happened today.

Yesterday, when the motion was put by the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski), Madam Speaker allowed some subsequent debate on that motion. She recognized the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) and she recognized the Hon. Government House Leader. Today, you did not allow debate; you put the motion forthwith. I submit that according to the Standing Orders—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member—

Mr. Mayer: Let me conclude, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has made a very serious accusation. This is that a Member be heard.

Mr. Mayer: That is right.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Debate is not permitted on that a Member be heard. The Standing Orders say "to be put forthwith without debate".

Some Hon. Members: One o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock p.m., I do now leave the chair until two o'clock p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

SHIPBUILDING

NEED FOR MULTI-LEVEL MEETING TO IMPROVE SITUATION IN INDUSTRY

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis): Madam Speaker, this week, the Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing Association issued, through its Chairman, a press release on the disturbing situation in the shipbuilding industry. According to figures provided by the Association, after the 9 per cent cut in the Shipbuilding Industry Assistance Program, 100 commercial ships built abroad have been licensed in Canada, while only 51 orders for commercial ships were placed in this country. The Chairman admitted that the only short-term orders were placed by the Canadian Government, adding that this was only a partial solution to the present problems in the shipbuilding industry.

Yesterday in Quebec City, I attended a conference on recovery of the shipbuilding industry in Quebec. The comments of all speakers were rather calm and serene, in the circumstances. I seconded a proposal by Pierre Fortier, a Liberal Member of the National Assembly, to have a federal-provincial meeting in the near future to consider possible solutions to the problem. Actually, I would favour a multipar-tite meeting of representatives of the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec, the municipal governments concerned and management and labour. This kind of consultation would certainly be a step towards a comprehensive response to the disastrous situation in the shipbuilding industry.