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[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Precisely, if I rise on a point of order, it is to ask whether there still is a question of privilege before the house. Names have been named. Those named are not here. Is there a question of privilege affecting persons who are not members of the House of Commons? The question of privilege does no longer stand.

Exact information has been asked for and given. Does the question of privilege still exist? I suggest we put an end to these discussions, and proceed to something else. To end all this, Standing Order 24 says:

A motion for reading the orders of the day shall have preference to any motion before the house.

There is no motion before the house. The orders of the day were not read today and I wish to move that the orders of the day be now read, so that we may carry on with the business of the house. We have heard enough of the same old thing, over and over again. Some action is now called for.

[English]

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Lapointe—

Mr. Grégoire: I have a motion now.

Mr. Churchill: —on a spurious point of order has attempted to introduce a motion, and it should be ruled out of order.

Mr. Grégoire: I have a motion on the table.

Mr. Churchill: It is a smuggling procedure.

Mr. Nugent: An hon. member is not allowed to rise on a point of order and make a motion,—

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, my motion is on the table.

Mr. Nugent: —especially when the hon. member for Royal had been recognized.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I should like to point out to the hon. member for Lapointe that the motion he has moved is a superseding motion, but as a superseding motion there must—

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please—but as a superseding motion it must supersede something which is already normally before the house. I must admit that at the moment there is no motion before the house. There is no motion which can be superseded by a further motion moved by the hon. member for Lapointe, and therefore I declare his motion out of order.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, since you did not ask for the opinion of the house before, may I respectfully submit that the speaker, last night, ruled that we were still on Bill S-10. It is at that stage that the discussion of the question of privilege was carried on. Since we are now considering Bill S-10, my motion is in order.

[English]

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker, you have recognized me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order; I should point out to the hon. member for Lapointe that the orders of the day have not been called. While it is quite true that at a certain point in our proceedings yesterday the house was discussing Bill S-10, the house has not reached that stage today. The hon. member for Royal.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Pickersgill: What are we debating?

Mr. Fairweather: Exactly the same thing, I would say to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill), as was the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) and everybody else who has taken part in this debate.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I have not spoken in this debate. I only raised a point of order.

Mr. Fairweather: I did not say you had.

Mr. Pickersgill: I only raised a point of order, which I raise again, and that is if the hon. member's motion was out of order then there is nothing before the house. To what is the hon, member for Royal speaking?

Mr. Nugent: A question of privilege.

Mr. Fairweather: I am speaking to the same question of privilege that the Prime Minister of Canada spoke to a little while ago, and to which the Minister of Justice (Mr. Cardin) has not the courage to speak.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Fairweather: I know you know a great deal about other procedures in the house, but you are not going to interrupt me.

Mr. Pickersgill: Don't be too sure.

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker, I have two questions I should like to ask and leave on the record. Perhaps they will be answered