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have not asked my question—to consult with the provinces with a view to having the area of human resource development placed on the agenda for the upcoming federal-provincial conference so that Bill C-179, which has been withdrawn, and the whole matter of involvement in education of human resources will be discussed with the provinces?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not know what that is supplementary to, but the question having been asked I suppose we should not lose the time and should allow the question to be answered.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Well, Mr. Speaker, at some point we will have discussed with the provinces all aspects of the constitution, including the one mentioned by the hon. member. The agenda which has been agreed to at this stage between the provinces and the federal government does not include this particular subject for the December conference, but of course there will be subsequent conferences.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, Your Honour wondered what the supplementary was about. Frequently when we raise questions relating to education—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I did not wonder what it was about. In any event, it might be simpler if the hon. member would recognize that I have allowed the question. Now I have to give my daily admonition that we will shortly be running out of time for the question period and I have to count on the co-operation of hon. members.

BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

CYC—SUGGESTED BROADENING OF COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question resulting from the answer he gave to an hon. member of the Creditiste Party in connection with the examination of the activities of the Company of Young Canadians. As I understood him, he said that it was not proper for a committee of this House to inquire into certain types of activities of the CYC and I should like to ask him why this should be so and if he feels that it is proper for him, as chief commoner in this House apart from yourself, Mr. Speaker, to give directions to any committee as to what it should or should not examine.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not give any directions, Mr. Speaker. I

said quite the contrary, that the terms of reference of the committee had been given by this House and that we do not propose to change them at this time.

[*Later:*]

[*Translation*]

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Sainte-Marie will excuse me—

[*English*]

—but the hon. member for Skeena is rising on a point of order. Order, please. We now have two points of order. I believe the hon. member for Sainte-Marie has priority since he rose first.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, here is my point of order. In his reply to a question put to him by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), the Prime Minister stated that he had given no instructions to the Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts and, if I am not mistaken, when he replied to the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin), the Prime Minister said that it was not within the committee's terms of reference to scrutinize criminal or legal files in order to study matters deferred to it. I believe those were the very words used by the Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Ah, ah!

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I rose on a point of order and it is my right to express my opinion. By giving instructions in advance in this House to a committee which is in session, the Prime Minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, could we have more decorum from those rude and cowardly members who are unable to observe order in the House?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would invite the hon. member to indicate his point of order to us as soon as possible.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I refer to citation 288, on page 237 of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Procedure, and since I have the English version, I will quote in that language:

[*English*]

Committees are regarded as portions of the House and are governed for the most part in their proceedings by the same rules which prevail in the