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Mr. Gauthier: The hell with you guys if that's all the respect you have. There's a limit to what I'll take.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Please.

Ms. Copps: A motion to adjourn is not debatable. Any idiot knows that.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please. For some very odd reason something seems to be happening.

Mr. Deans: What is it?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Let's just take a minute here and recall the events as they are seen by the Chair. The Hon. Member for York East rose in his place on a point of order. The Chair attempted to recognize him.

Mr. Kaplan: He did not.

Ms. Copps: He did not recognize him.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Please.

An Hon. Member: Order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Let him say something. You will get your chance.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): And we haven't yet heard that point of order.

Mr. Gauthier: You don't have to hear it. You have a motion before you.

Ms. Copps: There's a motion before the House.

Mr. Gauthier: You can't have two motions.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): I recognized the Hon. Member for York East on his point of order and I intend to proceed and hear him on that point of order first of all. All Hon. Members in the House could very well see that that was the situation. That is the decision from the Chair from which the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) knows very well there is no appeal.

Mr. Gauthier: I'm not appealing anything.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Well maybe the Chair has another impression.

Mr. Gauthier: I'm making a point, Mr. Speaker. I will make it now if you will sit down.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): We are here discussing points of order and their precedence. If the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier will be patient, as all Hon. Members of this House should be, I will hear the Hon. Member for York East on his point of order—and I presume the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier is also interested in hearing what he has to say on his point of order—and we will then take it from there. Thank you.

Mr. Redway: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In connection—

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): The Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) on a question of privilege this time.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I must raise a question of privilege so I can draw your attention to the following. There are rules in this House. The Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) had the floor. He presented a motion. As soon as he finished speaking, Mr. Speaker—I ought to know what I am talking about—immediately after he presented his motion, the Hon. Member rose and you gave that Member the floor. There is no debate on this kind of motion, Mr. Speaker. One cannot even raise a point of order on an adjournment motion. It is not debatable.

Ms. Copps: He is right.

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege as well.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): The Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan), also on a question of privilege.

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, I had the floor, and it was clear that you tried to give the floor to the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway), to let him raise a point of order, but meanwhile, before you gave him the floor, I had the floor, and I presented the motion before the Hon. Member was given the floor.

Some Hon. Members: Right!

Mr. Kaplan: So I had the priority, my motion came first, but I was interrupted, which is a breach of my privileges—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): I hope that the matter can be settled once and for all after I have stated the facts as I, as Speaker, see them, and it is the Chair who will decide ultimately.

While you had the floor, the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway) suddenly rose on a point of order. I tried to recognize him. You continued to speak. As far as I am concerned, you never moved a motion and I rose to interrupt you and bring to your attention the fact that—

An Hon. Member: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Just a moment please. Let me finish, because it is I, as Speaker, who has the final word and the Chair is stating the facts.

I then recognized the Hon. Member for York East. I have every intention . . . I will not change my decision—the Chair