

## TRANSPORT

### FAILURE TO INCLUDE MARITIME FREIGHT RATES IN HOUSE BUSINESS

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I tried to catch your eye during the question period, but perhaps I might be allowed to raise a point of order now. My question arises from the outline of legislation given by the President of the Privy Council and the government house leader on February 20, as set forth at page 5743 of *Hansard*. There was no reference to Atlantic transportation and the Maritime Freight Rates Act. I had hoped that the Minister of Transport would assure the extension of this act as part of the government's program.

**Mr. Speaker:** I doubt very much that this is a point of order. I suggest to the hon. member that he has made a representation for the consideration of the President of the Privy Council, but I would not think that the Chair should be expected to rule on the point as raised.

**Mr. McCleave:** The difficulty that arises is that the business can be announced one day by the government house leader, who is invariably here, yet invariably the minister involved in this particular case is not here. That is why I attempted to raise the matter in this fashion. If he would say yes or no, we would know where we stand.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

### CRIMINAL CODE

The house resumed from Tuesday, February 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, be read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

I wish to inform the house that I have approximately 25 or 30 minutes left to speak, and I noticed last evening that the house, or

### Criminal Code

at least a number of members, seemed to agree that the question be put.

Therefore, in order to allow the house to vote on the advisability of referring Bill C-150 to the committee for consideration, if the house agrees that the question be put, I am willing to consider my speech completed, otherwise I will proceed with it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the house ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

[Translation]

**Mr. Laprise:** I want to rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

I want the house to know for sure that I have not taken my decision at noon as a result of representations or of intimidation by the hon. member for Saint-Henri (Mr. Loïselle), who said last night, as recorded in yesterday's *Hansard*, page 5955, and I quote:

You will get a taste of your own medicine. You will fall into the canal and stay there—

Well that is not the reason why we came to that decision today.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Do hon. members agree that the question be put? I realize that the hon. member for Abitibi has risen on a point of order and suggested that if the debate is to continue, he will go on with his speech. Perhaps I should recognize the hon. member for Abitibi.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There seems to be some difficulty.

[Translation]

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. member for Sainte-Marie (Mr. Valade) want to take part in the debate?

**Mr. Valade:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to say that I was to take part in the debate today. However, I approve the proposal that has been made. My colleague, the hon. member for Charlevoix (Mr. Asselin) had also showed his intention to speak as well as my colleague, the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe, Mr. Ricard. But we are ready to cooperate with the hon. member