

Privilege—Mr. Hawkes

However, the Prime Minister's response was that he was predisposed, I believe were the words, to have the Crown pay for extra printing of *Hansard* provided that it included *Hansard* for the days on which the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) and the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) spoke on this matter.

As I reflected upon that, Madam Speaker, I thought perhaps the privileges of this House were likely to be circumvented by the predisposition and any action as a result of it. It is, I think, a basic principle of parliamentary law that we are the Commoners, equal in this House, and in that way our constituents are treated equally in this House. Certainly on such an historic debate I would believe that, even though this resolution says the people of my province, hence my riding, shall be second or third-class citizens compared to those of other provinces, at least we would not move in that direction in this House; that each of us here should be treated as first-class Members of Parliament, equals, and that the predisposition of the Prime Minister to have three days of debate sent off to the British parliamentarians would in fact infringe on the rights of the people I represent.

If in fact he is predisposed to do that, then I think, Madam Speaker, in terms of your responsibility to this House, you might advise the Prime Minister that he should send all of the issues dealing with this debate so that those on the list of the hon. member for Gaspé would receive all the speeches that have been made, and that is the brief point that I wanted to bring to your attention.

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, you will recall that earlier today I indicated there was a point of order I wished to pursue arising from Question Period where I put a question to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) having to do with a question before the Supreme Court of Canada and the matter of this Parliament's ability to deal constitutionally with the resolution now before the House. I wish to pursue this matter now before the day expires as it has to do with the question period, and in order that I can carry on that debate at some other time.

It is a matter of some very real concern to all of us on this side of the House that we are dealing with a situation in which the government—

Mr. Ouellet: Sit down, you are out of order again.

Mr. Clark: I understand when a point of order has been raised and I am speaking on that point of order, as you have earlier ruled, Madam Speaker, my point of order takes precedence over one raised from the floor. So the point of order I am pursuing has to do—

Mr. Ouellet: Order.

Mr. Clark:—with the very real concern we have on this side of the House at a time when it is possible that the premiers can come together and get agreement. André Ouellet, speaking as he usually does to judges, tells me that I should sit down.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Just so I can keep some order in the House, I have to dispose of the questions raised by the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes). However, I consider the hon. member has risen before four o'clock.

The hon. member for Calgary West understood, I am sure, that the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) had suggested that the other speeches would be printed as he probably assumed this would not be a partisan thing. He suggested that the speeches of the other leaders of parties should be printed as well, but he expressed only the opinion that it would be a good thing. This does not in itself cause the speeches to be printed and appended to *Hansard*, or extra copies to be printed. It was not made an order of the House. Therefore, we have no such order of the House before of us and, for the time being at least, those speeches will not be printed.

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The hon. member suggested that all of the speeches be printed so that all hon. members could be equal in this House. He would have to ask for the unanimous consent of the House for that to be done, and he could do that at some other date when procedure allows. For the time being, nothing is being printed, neither the speech of the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, nor the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent).

The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition has the floor, and it is now four o'clock.

Mr. Fretz: Madam Speaker, on a point of order—

Madam Speaker: I cannot have two at the same time. I have a point of order—

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, my understanding is that I have the floor, but we are now into a different stage of the proceedings of the House, and I certainly would not want to intrude upon private members' hour.

Mr. Ouellet: What a farce.

Mr. Clark: I should specify my understanding.

Madam Speaker: I want to make sure whether the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition could still have the floor when the House resumes. I have not had that question presented to me before. I just want to make sure. I want to make it quite clear that my advice is that the right hon. member will have the floor when the House resumes the particular proceedings we are engaged in now, but for the time being—

Mr. Fretz: On a point of order—

Madam Speaker: For the time being it is four o'clock.

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It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's