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I suggest and I would urge that perhaps you might use your good offices, Mr. Speaker, to urge an appropriate body like the Standing Committee on Privileges to take a look at incidents like these. I know there was a committee set up, I believe it was a committee of female members of this place, to look at certain aspects. I think we should get on with dealing with those things because we are all negatively impacted by those things. They reflect badly on Parliament and on government. It is one of the reasons the public is losing its respect for politicians and public figures who, from what I have observed, are people who are here because they want to serve Canada, no matter what side of the House they are on.

Therefore, we must deal with the reality of this situation, though we do not wish to, and we must condemn the action, as we must condemn all other actions of a similar nature. Hopefully, we will not have to be faced with them any more.

I urge that we do not let it drop there, that we take up these issues and that we do something about making this place a place that will earn the respect of Canadians.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, I must say that I deplore the behaviour of the member for Port Moody—Coquitlam. For days and even weeks, we have been talking in the House about improving the behaviour of certain members. The behaviour, or rather misbehaviour, is often vocal, but last night, it became physical.

We have an incident that really must be dealt with. This place, the House of Commons, is where the future of the Canadian people is discussed. We talk here about the life and quality of life of all Canadians and must do so properly and professionally. Moreover, we must set an example.

Every day, children and schoolchildren visit us, so our behaviour is very important. We have professional colleagues in the community who watch the debates on television or who come here to see us. We are here to debate and discuss different ideologies and points of view, but not to react violently in word or deed.

Mr. Speaker, since we have a very specific, clear and obvious example, I believe that it should be dealt with immediately in order to set an example and serve notice

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to all other members in the House so that we can continue to have a proper healthy dialogue in the House of Commons.

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is my duty in accordance with the motion to order the hon. member for Port Moody—Coquitlam to appear at the bar of the House this afternoon at three o'clock.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-12, an act to amend the Young Offenders Act and the Criminal Code, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

#### SPEAKER'S RULING

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Before we commence, we have a ruling. There are 27 motions set down on the Notice Paper for the report stage of Bill C-12, an act to amend the Young Offenders Act and the Criminal Code.

Motions Nos. 1 and 2 were ruled out of order in the legislative committee. In doing so the chairman stated that the proposed amendments went beyond Bill C-12 by attempting to amend the parent act, namely the Young Offenders Act itself.

I fully concur with the chairman's ruling that a member can only amend a specific clause of a bill referred to it, the committee, by the House. Citation 698, paragraph 8(b) of *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Sixth Edition* provides:

An amendment may not amend sections from the original Act unless they are specifically being amended in a clause of the bill before the committee.