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sented. The concern which the Hon. Member for Edmonton West raises is the possibility of the House proceeding at report stage in the absence of transcripts. That is the very narrow point to which the Chair will address itself at this time.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, let me say in conclusion that I fully support the point made by the Hon. Member for Edmonton West and I note that this is a precedent which should not be allowed to stand, particularly given the relatively short time limits for the submission of amendments. Those reports should be accompanied by the full transcript of the proceedings of the committee. I have suggested to the Speaker one means of ensuring that Members of this House, having perused the committee minutes, would be entitled to submit amendments. It is within the Speaker's powers to grant an order which would remedy what is clearly a flawed procedure, to assist Members of the House in performing their duties of oversight of such an important piece of legislation.

**Mr. Peterson:** Mr. Speaker, very briefly, the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) has been arguing that he has not had enough time and that he needs a 24-hour extension. To me he is arguing, first of all, that he has not been assiduous, or he has not had the intelligence to do his homework in that period of time, neither of which points he would be prepared to admit to.

**Mr. Yurko:** Mr. Speaker, besides speaking to the point of order I think it is appropriate that I bring out at this time more than just a point of order, in fact, my relationship to this Bill.

**Mr. Speaker:** Will the Hon. Member please resume his seat? The Chair wants to make it very clear that there is a point of order raised by the Hon. Member for Edmonton West. The Chair has been prepared to rule on that point and has heard further arguments. At this stage the Chair is not prepared to hear arguments on anything other than the very specific point of order raised by the Hon. Member for Edmonton West.

**Mr. Yurko:** Before addressing myself to that point of order, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to ask you if time will be available immediately afterwards to raise another matter which has concerned me considerably?

**Mr. Speaker:** Obviously after this point of order is decided, the House will be the master of its own fate concerning how its business will be handled. Obviously Hon. Members will have an opportunity to raise points of order as they are deemed appropriate.

**Mr. Yurko:** Mr. Speaker, maybe I could just make a few points—

**Mr. Speaker:** Will the Hon. Member at this stage please address himself strictly to the point of order of the Hon. Member for Edmonton West.

**Mr. Yurko:** I will, Mr. Speaker. In my view, this Bill is of extreme importance, second only to the constitutional Bill. I have tried to get a transcript of the committee proceedings for a number of days so I could acquaint myself, as an independent Member, with the discussions in committee and some of the amendments proposed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The facts are very clear concerning the availability of transcripts. They were available yesterday, and sometime after six o'clock last night all the remaining transcripts were available, not before. The facts are not in dispute. The question is: Can the House proceed at report stage with the transcripts not being available? That is the issue.

**Mr. Yurko:** That is exactly the point I was trying to make, if you would just give me a few seconds. I have been trying to get those transcripts for days. They were not available until last night.

**Mr. Kaplan:** He just said that.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** But he is an independent Member. He has a good point.

**Mr. Yurko:** They are voluminous. It is not possible to go through them in a matter of a few hours or days. I am simply saying that the suggestion that perhaps we should have another 24 hours is a good one, and I recommend that you give it serious consideration, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair would like to thank the Hon. Member for Edmonton West and other Hon. Members who have participated in the discussion concerning the point of order relating to the publication of proceedings of the standing and other committees of the House.

May I briefly state that the issue raised by the Hon. Member is not new. He himself raised it before, on March 17, 1983. Frequently, Bills are reported with amendments by committees on the same day as they are adopted in committee. That was the case last Friday, and some of the proceedings and evidence of the standing committee to Bill C-9 were not yet available at 11 a.m. in their usual printed form. The Hon. Member for Edmonton West objected because he claimed there was "no proper printed record". The Hon. Member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton (Mr. Dick) raised the question as to whether the debate could proceed since some issues of the committee proceedings were not available from the joint distribution branch.

First, let me say that the verbatim record was available in both languages on Monday morning through the Clerk of Committees or through the Journals Branch. Issues Nos. 38, 39, 40 and 41, in their usual printed form, were delivered to the offices of all Hon. Members last night. The Chair had intended to inform Members of the time the printed issues would be available before Private Members' Hour, but it took some time to obtain that information from the Printing Bureau. Normally, the proceedings of committees on Bills have first printing priority after the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings and *Hansard*. I am sure that Hon. Members will