

*Non-confidence in Deputy Speaker*

first to object if they were sitting in the opposition, they would be the first to condemn that violation of the rules of the house.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that, from now on, the rules be complied with and not only by one group, but by all members of the house.

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Mr. Knowles: Will the hon. member permit a question? The hon. member would like other members of the house to admit the mistakes they have made. Some of us did so yesterday, and we stand by the statements we made. Will the hon. member for Villeneuve also admit that he made a mistake by not being here Friday night, in view of his interest in this matter, and that in fact he violated standing order 5 of this house, one of the rules which he says should be kept?

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether this is a question or a statement by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. I know the rules, and I know standing order 5. I know that the Secretary of State was aware that that night I had to leave Ottawa to go to Three Rivers, and I said so in French a moment ago. Usually we do not sit on Friday night. The motion came just before six o'clock while I was away, so I apologize for not having been here; but at the same time I say that had I been here I would have voiced my opposition to the presentation of the resolution.

Mr. Knowles: But you broke the rules.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must advise the hon. member for Lapointe that if he speaks now he will close the debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, since members from all corners of the house seem to be making implicit or explicit general confessions yesterday and since everybody seems to recognize the truth of our statements concerning the events of last Friday, I would ask for unanimous consent of the house to withdraw our motion and to substitute the following motion therefor:

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That the procedure followed by the house on Friday evening, March 13, 1964, during consideration of the government's resolution, be referred to the house's committee on procedure and that the latter be asked to examine the matter and make a recommendation.

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Mr. Lambert: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the condition which has been imposed, may I submit to Your Honour and the members of this house that since all the rules of the house have already been referred to the committee, and since this matter concerns the

application of rules 41 and 42, the condition imposed by the hon. gentleman is redundant.

Mr. Speaker: I must say at the beginning that if the house cared to give unanimous consent I would have no objection to receiving this amendment. However, my duty as Speaker is to consider one motion at a time, and it strikes me that this second proposition, if I may put it that way, is not at all in accordance with the motion before the house. Short of unanimous consent I must make the ruling that this second motion to amend the first is in my opinion out of order and cannot be accepted at this time. In my humble opinion the house must deal with one motion at a time. We have one motion before the house and we are called upon to accept, reject, or withdraw it.

Mr. Knowles: I wonder whether the hon. member for Lapointe would accept a question. In view of the statement made by the hon. member for Edmonton West, with which I think we will all agree, that all our rules and procedures have been referred to the committee on procedure, and in view of the fact that some of us can give the assurance that this matter will be considered in that committee, will he not ask leave to withdraw his original motion without attaching any conditions to it?

[Translation]

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I know perfectly well that the standing orders question has been referred to the committee on procedure, but the motion I have just presented is to the effect that the events which occurred on that evening be referred to that committee on procedure, and not standing orders as a whole.

That is the reason why I shall accept to withdraw the other motion only on condition that this one be agreed to, that is that the procedure followed on that evening be referred to the special committee on procedure—

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Mr. Speaker: I must interrupt the hon. member, who must have heard the ruling to the effect that the second motion by way of amendment was out of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I suppose all hon. members knew that the second motion would be declared out of order, and that is why I asked the house to pass it unanimously. Since unanimous consent has not been granted, I wish to say that we will abide by our original motion, and I will explain briefly why we have called the attention of the house to what we consider a typical case.