Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead): Mr. Speaker, I think your suggestion is very reasonable, but since this is a very serious matter, perhaps you could let us know tomorrow after Question Period, when questions of privilege are discussed what the possibilities are, so that hon. members and especially our Quebec members, many of whom were shocked by what happened, will be able to decide, with the Chair, when the debate will take place. If the debate could take place tomorrow, that would be ideal, and otherwise Wednesday.

Perhaps we could now adjourn this debate immediately until tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's suggestion is entirely appropriate. Perhaps after Question Period tomorrow, I will be in a position to report to the hon. member. I agree this is a very urgent matter, but we also have another very important principle, which is that all members of this House should be treated fairly. We shall wait until tomorrow.

[*English*]

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, during the question of privilege that I raised earlier today there was a response from the hon. Government House Leader in which, and again I must paraphrase in the absence of the *Hansard*, he clearly accused me of maligning the former member for the riding of Simcoe South.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, to accuse someone of deliberately maligning is against the rules of this House as stated under Beauchesne. I bring it to your attention that Beauchesne's Citation 320 specifically identifies "malign" as being a word that is inappropriate.

Second, Mr. Speaker, you will also be aware that I indicated to the Chairman that I had received material which led me to believe that it was an organization in the United States which had claimed itself to have placed the letterhead on the material in question.

No where did I in fact state that Mr. Ronald Stewart had committed this act deliberately and wilfully himself, save and except the signature portion which identifies himself as a member of Parliament, RET. The other portions I attributed to that organization in the United States. Second, even if I had said that, which I did not, I do not believe that the House leader is justified in making his accusation which is against the rules of the House in any case.

Mr. Milliken: Certainly not. Very improper and Harvie, you should have known better.

Mr. Andre: It is a day for the Liberals to give me lectures on decorum. Mr. Speaker, I have the Sixth Edition of Beauchesne's and I could not find malign in there. It is not in the Sixth edition. The hon. member has the Fifth edition. It does not appear in the Sixth edition. Knowing the hon. member's sensitive nature, I certainly would not want to offend him. After all, he has enough to bear.

While I am on my feet, in the interests of not denying hon. members the right to debate important legislation which I know hon. members have strong feelings about, perhaps I could ask if there is unanimous consent of the House to add the 45 minutes we have taken up on these points to the remainder of this day. In this way members will have an opportunity to do what we were elected to do, and that is to debate the important issues facing the country.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. House leader has made a suggestion. Is there consent?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any negative?

Mr. Riis: Yes.

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Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): I thank the Speaker for his indulgence. I rise on a question of privilege arising from Question Period. I want to see the actual transcript, but I believe there will be a basis for me to raise a question of privilege arising out of a response that the minister of fisheries gave me during Question Period today. I wanted now not to sit on my rights but to give notice to Mr. Speaker that I will raise it as soon as I have an opportunity to see the transcript.