

country. It was exactly the opposite because at that time, prior to the death of Magaddino in Buffalo, and certainly long after the New York family had well established itself in Montreal and had been extending its control and jurisdiction into the French-speaking areas of the province of Ontario, I was attempting to use that office at that time to impress upon the law enforcement agencies, the government of which I was a member, other governments and the people of this country and especially southern Ontario, that many elements of crime were already under United States influence, internationally organized crime.

That film clip that you saw last night on the CBC was a very small segment of a larger statement that I made at that time. The longer statement was to the effect that internationally organized crime was well established in Canada and in Ontario at that time. I also indicated, in that statement, certain moves, certain procedures and certain governmental organization at both the federal and provincial levels that I thought should be taken to cure this sickness that we had then, and still have, in this country.

I feel that even though I have asked the CBC to screen the whole of that statement or at least to give me the transcript of that statement—and so far they have not been able to do that—nevertheless, that small film clip last night was taken far out of context and damaged me to the extent that if they do not provide me with that full statement I may have to take the matter up outside the jurisdiction of this House by proceeding on other grounds. I shall obtain legal advice in that respect. I feel that program damaged my reputation so much that it affects my capabilities in this House. I would, therefore, like to move, if I may, that the matter of the reference in that CBC program last night as it pertained to me be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections so that I may have an opportunity of clearing what I think is the very great stigma that attaches to my reputation and to my name.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

● (1510)

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same question of privilege. The hon. member, in raising the matter of the CBC, made reference to my use of the CBC clip. Obviously, that was the only information before me and before the others. He has in this House given a full explanation of his position on that matter, which I accept unreservedly.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The questions of privilege raised by the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia) and the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence) raise, again, the question of the relationship between membership in the House of Commons and the press, and a further, more complex and additional relationship, that of a question of privilege respecting the proceedings of the House and the right of members in regard to the special relationship among members of the House and the freedom of the press

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generally. We have now in abeyance, under my considered study, two other questions relating to the same problem. In respect of both I will, as I will in respect of this matter, attempt to render a decision tomorrow afternoon.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

WAYS AND MEANS

DESIGNATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY TO DEBATE WAYS AND MEANS MOTIONS

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 60, I wish to table two notices of ways and means motions and also request that you designate the requisite order of the day for the purposes of considering those motions at the next sitting of the House.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY OF MIDDLESEX-LONDON-LAMBTON

Mr. J. Larry Condon (Middlesex-London-Lambton) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-422, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mr. Condon: Mr. Speaker, I present this bill to the House because of certain changes to be made to the new riding and representations for changing its boundaries. These would change the riding from one which is partially rural in make-up to one which encompasses a large part of the city of London. For that reason I bring this bill forward in the House.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,974, 2,076, 2,175, 2,382 and 2,469.