

one term, and after that I was elected. The people of my part of Winnipeg support our Party consistently.

I want to thank the people of my constituency. I want to thank the members and supporters of our Party. I want to thank particularly members of my family, some of whom, to my great surprise, are here today. I know I speak for all Members of Parliament when I say that it is our families who sacrifice when we are Members of Parliament. Every Member of Parliament knows how little their families see of them because of their work.

It has been a great honour for me to represent what I consider to be one of the finest constituencies in Canada which has representatives of every racial, religious, and ethnic group in Canada living in it. We have native people, the original inhabitants of our country and we have representatives of some of the newest ethnic groups including Koreans and El Salvadorans. We have people from every economic group, from people who are on welfare through to a few people who are quite wealthy.

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I am proud of the fact that I have been able to represent these people. I am proud of the fact that I have been able to speak for a vast majority of them in a way of which they approve. I hope to be able to continue to do that for some years to come. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Hon. Members of the House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I suppose the best way I could confirm what I said a few minutes ago is to seek your permission to ask the government House Leader what business the Government intends to call for the next week.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we will call Bill C-55, amendments to the Immigration Act. Tomorrow we will debate the motion respecting capital punishment, as we will on Monday. Tuesday it is proposed that we will deal with Bill C-63 in all stages, the Small Businesses Loans Act.

We will deal with third reading of Bills C-15 and C-41 and second reading of Bills C-53, C-61 and C-54 as well as the resolution respecting Pentecostal schools in Newfoundland. We will be working with Parties opposite to work out the best arrangement as to when those Bills will be called so that we can ensure that the Ministers and the official critics are

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available in the best time slots to expedite the business for those days. Wednesday the House will not sit.

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PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED DIVULGENCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place on a point of privilege that arises from what I happen to believe is a very serious and erroneous act of one of the Standing Committees. It concerns the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism, a meeting of which I attended this morning.

The committee is in the process of preparing a very thorough and long-ranging report on the status of multiculturalism policy in Canada for the next decades to come. The report is completed and is at the printers. We expect to table the report in the House of Commons on June 29, the day before we break for the summer.

However, I found out this morning at the committee meeting that the committee has given an advance copy of this report to the Hon. Member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie) who is also the secretary of State. I believe that that act runs counter to the spirit of parliamentary reform and to the independence of the Government and of Ministers enjoyed by committees.

I would suggest that the supplying of the report to the Hon. Member for Rosedale is an affront to the rights and privileges of all 282 Members of Parliament. The report is still confidential. It was to be tabled on the floor of the House of Commons for all Members and therefore for all Canadians on June 29.

We can all concede that once the report is tabled, we would hope that the Government, and particularly the Minister responsible, would take a very serious look at the report and would try to implement those very concepts that have been articulated in and recommended by it. However, I find it completely unacceptable as a Member of Parliament who has worked on this confidential report that it be sent before it is tabled in the House of Commons to the Minister responsible for Multiculturalism (Mr. Della Noce). I believe that I have worked on no other committee that has followed such a course.

The fact remains that there are still two weeks left and the Government could have waited to see what was recommended in the report rather than trying to justify that it is proper and fit that the Department and the Minister ask the committee for an advance copy before it is tabled and deposited with the House of Commons.

I draw your attention, Mr. Speaker, to Citation 647 of Beauchesne's which reads as follows:

No act done at any committee should be divulged before it has been reported to the House.

It goes on to read: