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PRAYERS.

A question of privilege having been raised to the effect that certain statements, which because of their nature, ought to have been made in the House and that replies given in response to certain questions in the House have misled and deceived honourable Members:

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we should not get involved in the substance of the matter referred to by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin). The decision to be made on the subject before the Chair is purely procedural. The Chair has to decide in the circumstances whether there is a *prima facie* case that ought to be referred to a committee or which requires action of some kind.

The matter raised by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre is essentially the same as that raised by the honourable Member for Peace River, except in the case of the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre there is a proposed motion.

On reading closely the point raised by the honourable Member for Peace River, it appears that he has endeavoured in his notice filed with the Chair, which he has reiterated in the course of his presentation, that he wishes to bring two aspects of the question before the House, namely that certain statements, which because of their nature, ought to have been made in the House and that replies given in response to certain questions in the House have misled and deceived honourable Members.