

*Correspondence on Surcharges*

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** He did not take five minutes.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, the government has not carried out its undertaking which was given to this side of the house in a co-operative way.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If the government will not allow me to speak when I am talking about the rights of parliament—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Trinity was allowed to proceed, not by the government but by the house. Therefore, there is no question. Unanimous consent was given by the house, not by anybody else.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I suggest to Your Honour most respectfully that when the record is examined tomorrow it will be seen that my hon. friend from Laurier at the time—it may have been my hon. friend from Essex East, I am not sure which—made it very clear before consent was given that there was to be a clear understanding that there would be one hour allowed in addition for this measure.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I have here the actual transcript—

**Mr. Speaker:** I will hear the hon. member afterwards, and I will see the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fleming).

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I have taken very definite steps tonight to observe the time which was involved. The hon. member for Trinity did not take five minutes. He took three minutes; and a full hour, 60 minutes, from 12 minutes to 9 till 12 minutes to 10, was taken on this motion to produce papers.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I looked at the clock and it was ten minutes to.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I looked at the clock and it was 12 minutes to nine when the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Nugent) rose to speak on the notice of motion for the production of papers.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, so that there is no doubt that the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill) will be proven correct by the record, you said at one point that the hon. member for Trinity sought leave to consider Bill No. S-16 in priority to the notice of motion for production of papers. Then I observed:

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. May I inquire what the hon. member is reading?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I am correcting my blues and I have my words here.

**Mr. Speaker:** With great respect may I draw to the attention of the hon. member the fact that he may not quote from the blues. It is against the rules. I think he will recognize that fact.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I know that rule is supposed to exist, but I would be grateful if Your Honour would point out where in the rules it is stated that when the blues have been delivered and a member is in the process of correcting them, he is precluded, in a conflict like this one, from seeking to substantiate what the record is by reading from those blues. I should like to know what rule prevents my so doing.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The rules of the house.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Where is it in the rule book?

**Mr. Speaker:** The blues may not be referred to.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** There is no such rule.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Why are members opposite afraid of the record?

**Mr. Speaker:** In any event the hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has long since expired.

**Mr. Churchill:** Before calling a government order I again repeat my suggestion and hope that the house would deal with divorce bills which now number so many hundreds on the order paper. Is there consent to that procedure?

**Mr. Speaker:** There cannot be consent. The hour for private members' business has expired. We are back on orders of the day.

**Mr. Churchill:** I was suggesting that the house devote this time to private members' business. That is something that could be done by unanimous consent.

**An hon. Member:** No.

**Mr. McCleave:** I hope it is noted for the record that the hon. member for Cape Breton South is the one who objects to that humane procedure.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Speaker, may I point out that the hon. member for Cape Breton South is not here to object.

**Mr. Churchill:** I would ask that item No 25 be called.