

PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED DIVULGING OF *IN CAMERA* COMMITTEE
INFORMATION—APOLOGY BY MEMBER

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege.

Now that the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure has found that my actions that were referred to the committee constituted a breach of the traditions and procedures of this House, I should like hereby to apologize to all Members of Parliament and in particular to those who felt affronted or affected by my actions for the actions that were referred to the committee.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: As Hon. Members know, the matter that was referred to committee on a question of privilege brought to the Chair was a difficult one. I can say to the Hon. Member that I think he has very much deserved the respect of all Members of the House for his completely forthright and honourable statement of a moment ago. I know that Hon. Members in this place would want to join me in commending the Hon. Member for his attitude and his acceptance of what has been for him, I know, a difficult matter.

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GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ACT, ATLANTIC
CANADA, 1987

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. John C. Crosbie (for Mr. Mulroney) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-103, an Act to increase economic opportunity in Atlantic Canada, to establish the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Tabling of documents

[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT
ACT, 1987

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-104 intituled: "An Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada".

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

ELECTIONS, PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURE—CONCURRENCE IN
SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan—Similkameen) moved that the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure presented to the House on Monday, December 7, 1987, be concurred in.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties, and I think you would find that the House would be content that the motion be moved as it has now been moved and not debated. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of my colleague from York Centre in this matter in his capacity as the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments. I think you will find that with the following amendment, which has been discussed between the Parties, the vote on the motion can be taken without debate. We move in amendment, Sir, that:

The sixth report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedures be concurred in excepting the recommended change to the following portion of Standing Order 44:

"44.—if the report is concurred in, it would be an Order of this House to the Ministry to rescind one specified regulation or other statutory instrument, which the Ministry has the authority to rescind."

● (1300)

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the proposition of the Hon. Minister of State (Mr. Lewis). Is there agreement?