

Routine Proceedings

quieter in the House the Speaker could hear them when they object to this request for unanimous consent.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker, the only thing that bothered me in the decision you made earlier, and I am sure *Hansard* will bear me out, is that you recognized me, you gave me the floor and then at your request I had to yield to a minister. I would like to know whether every time a minister asks to be recognized, you will ask us to yield the floor.

• (1540)

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I would like to thank the hon. member for Gander for his comments.

I would like to say to the hon. member for Shefford that that is not the way it happened. If he would like to come to my chamber, I will discuss it a little further with him. That was not the way it happened. We do have decorum in here.

I would also like to thank the hon. member for Hamilton East, but this is not the Ontario Legislature either. She has been here for six years. She realizes that when a minister does rise and a private member rises, as far as decorum in the Chamber is concerned, we usually give precedence to the minister.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lapierre: The house is my witness, Mr. Speaker. There might have been some confusion in your mind, but my microphone was on and I had the floor. I would not want precedent to be created by which a private member has the floor and you take that right away from him or her on a sign from a minister. I suggest we should refrain from creating such precedent in this House. I swear, Mr. Speaker, on my children's life, that I did have the floor and that the light on my microphone was on.

[*English*]

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, I would like some clarification. Notwithstanding the points of view expressed by anybody in the House, it is important that we have the same rules for everybody.

I am concerned that, according to the Standing Orders, when a point of order is to be raised during the

debate, a point of order is recognized over and above any other debate in the House. That has been a long-standing practice of the House.

It seems to me that on more than one occasion, the Chair seems to have selective memory—

Some hon. members: Order.

Ms. Copps: —when it comes to points of order from the opposition and the government. It may be the Bloc Quebecois today and it could be another party tomorrow. All I am asking is for equal treatment for everyone. I am sure it has nothing to do with where I came from. I have been in this place for six years. I have seen Speakers who have respected equal treatment, and I want to see the continuation of equal treatment.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I would like to thank the hon. member for her comments.

Motions.

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JUSTICE AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

CONCURRENCE IN SIXTH AND SEVENTH REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Horner (Mississauga West): Mr. Speaker, the House does not seem to be in a very generous mood at this time, but if the House gives its consent, I move:

That the sixth and seventh reports of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General, presented to the House earlier this day, be concurred in.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Does the hon. member have unanimous consent to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

Motion negated.

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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

CONCURRENCE IN 19TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands) moved:

That the nineteenth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented to the House on Friday, November 23, 1990, be concurred in.