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other side, and Your Honour did not exercise that prerogative.

**Mr. Speaker:** My understanding is there was a reference made by one member that it was within the competence of the Chair to make alterations, but in answer to this I say that my interpretation of citation 99 of Beauchesne is that these changes are only in respect of form and that this is done frequently by the Chair, particularly in committee where, because of a suggestion of the Chair, certain changes are made in a motion which has been proposed. This can even be done in the house. However, this has to do with form and not substance. Therefore I could not accept the interpretation of the hon. member for Edmonton West. I appreciate the helpful suggestion of the hon. member for Yukon.

We now have a motion and a request by the hon. member for Medicine Hat for unanimous consent for the Chair to propose this motion.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is with regret that I cannot accept the motion because there is not unanimous consent to the dispensation of the requirements of the rules in respect of putting the motion to the house.

*[Translation]*

The hon. member for Sherbrooke rises on a point of order?

**Mr. Allard:** I may be a little late in doing so, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to be enlightened on something of which I cannot make head or tail.

Last night, at ten o'clock, we were discussing the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton). I am of the opinion that we should now resume discussion of the matter, by virtue of standing order 7.

Your Honour pointed out to the house, at the outset, that three members had questions of privilege to raise.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to find out whether we are always considering the question of privilege, now that three questions of privilege have been raised, one by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) and two by two hon. members, or whether the business of the house has been adjourned.

Standing order No. 7 of the rules of the house provides that:

At the ordinary time of adjournment of the house, unless otherwise provided, the proceedings shall be interrupted and the business under consideration at the termination of the sitting shall stand over until the next sitting day, when it will be taken up at the same stage where its progress was interrupted.

When the house adjourned last night, we were listening to the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire). Well, I am of the opinion that we should resume the discussion on that matter this afternoon.

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

The point raised by the hon. member is interesting, but obviously the ruling of the Chair was to the effect that this motion should follow the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Kamloops. No motion having been moved, the Chair allowed this morning the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings (Mr. Nowlan) to move another motion, followed subsequently by another motion moved by the hon. member for Edmonton West, which has been rejected.

*[English]*

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I think we have come to a position now where we in the opposition have endeavoured to do everything possible to bring about a just situation for those who are affected by this affair. We have pleaded with the Prime Minister and have pleaded with the government as a whole that justice be done, that a travesty upon the rights of individuals in this country should not be carried out and that justice should not be reversed. All of these arguments have been made effectively, I feel, and with passion. But the government is immovable in this regard. They have decided to go ahead with this plot that they have woven in order to bring about the conclusion they have in mind. There is nothing further we in the opposition can do.

I would suggest Mr. Speaker, that we proceed with Orders of the Day. Because of the fact that this would have been the second day of a supply motion and because of the lateness of the hour at which we will reach Orders of the Day and the question period, I would ask the government house leader to shelve the supply motion for today and I suggest that when we reach Orders of the Day we proceed immediately with government business as outlined by the government house leader last week.