

*Privilege—Mr. Gauthier***PRIVILEGE**

## ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVILEGES OF MEMBER

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. During the Question Period the privileges of the Member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) were, in my opinion, interfered with.

**An Hon. Member:** Can't he speak for himself?

**Mr. Gauthier:** During the time that he was recognized and was asking questions the Hon. Member was interfered with by the Hon. Member for Guelph (Mr. Winegard), who came behind him and dropped a sheaf of paper over the notes of the Hon. Member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe, thereby interfering directly with the train of thought of the Member, directly interfering with his access to his desk which is his seat, his place, and thereby interfering, in my view, with his privilege to put a question to the Government in a way he feels appropriate. I would like to have the Hon. Member apologize at this time or we will have an issue of some consequence regarding his privileges.

**Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same question of privilege. I would be happy to apologize to the Hon. Member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin). I thought I was helping because I thought he was working up to another instance of throwing paper—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Gauthier:** Apologize.

**Mr. Nunziata:** Damn well apologize.

**Mr. Winegard:** —in what I call the usual “funny farm hour”. If I interfered with him in any way, I am, of course, pleased to apologize.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nunziata:** Never try that again.

**Mr. Winegard:** Mr. Speaker, I have just been threatened by a member of the rat pack—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**An Hon. Member:** The chief rat.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have to observe my obligations to all of my duties. Perhaps I should ask that we leave this whole matter right here.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**PETITIONS**

## EXPROPRIATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

**Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a group of residents from the Miramichi region which deals with the expropriation of private property at the Nordin rifle range. In the petition they express concern about the Department of National Defence's intention to expand the rifle range. They have asked me to convey to the House, with this petition, their objections to the planned expansion and expropriation of land. I do so and submit this petition on their behalf.

## CALL FOR RETENTION OF CANAGREX

**Mr. George Henderson (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition on behalf of Prince Edward Island farmers who wish to voice their concern over this Government's decision to abolish Canagrex. They ask that Canagrex be reinstated so that it may get on with the job that it was proving it was capable of and designed to do.

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**WESTERN GRAIN TRANSPORTATION ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-44, an Act to amend the Western Grain Transportation Act.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

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[Translation]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 297.