

more logical, unemotional and rational debate on legislation which is pretty drastic.

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

**Mr. Nowlan:** I was trying to make my point on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has made his point but I doubt that it was a point of order.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I appreciate the limits of a point of order. My question is directed to the Postmaster General. In order to provide as much information as possible on this rather drastic bill, could he table the reports or the surveys of his department which were partly the basis of the bill?

**Mr. Kierans:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Last Friday we prepared a series of financial statements and supporting documents which I hope will be ready for distribution to all members of this house no later than Thursday.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In view of the Postmaster General's recognition of the desirability of this bill being studied by a selected group of members of this house, does he not feel that that group should include members of all parties and should it not therefore go to a standing committee of the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Kierans:** I referred to a particular initiative on the part of some members of the Liberal caucus. I would be quite glad to be invited to any other group or caucus in this house.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Is there not such a thing as parliament around here?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

A while ago a member asked the honourable minister whether or not he had received complaints from the public or from some groups in connection with the bill he intends to introduce in the house.

I also received a telegram today which is quite interesting from the Quebec newspaper *Le Soleil*. May I ask him whether or not he has received a copy of same and, if so, whether or not he considers it to be a complaint.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question asked by the hon. member for Lotbinière indicates that perhaps I was right in my fears about the question as it was posed originally.

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I will be a little less emotional in my supplementary question than was the Postmaster General. When can we expect a statement emanating from the discussions being held presently among the 35 Liberal members? I am receiving quite a number of telegrams from people who are anxious to hear a statement resulting from the deliberations of the Liberal members. When can we expect the statement?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** The question of the hon. member is not in order but I will hear him on a point of order.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** In view of the fact that I am receiving quite a number of requests I wish to ask the Postmaster General when we can expect a statement resulting from the deliberations taking place right now?

**Mr. Speaker:** That was the question the hon. member asked in the first instance.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Since the Postmaster General expressed a willingness to meet with any hon. members who represent constituencies faced with post office problems, and since a number of members have expressed an interest in this offer, will the minister make himself available at five o'clock in my office and, if not, when?

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Postmaster General. Recalling his willingness to take a second look I ask him whether, upon reflecting that the rights of parliament transcend the rights of any party, he will not agree that the standing committee might be a more suitable and appropriate forum to discuss Bill No. C-116 than the committee of the whole house?