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members in parliament have a right, after a full debate, to have the question put to a vote?

**Mr. Woolliams:** My answer to that, Mr. Speaker, is very simple. I am glad my good friend asked that question. If I thought tonight that the members who sit on the Liberal side of this house spoke for the people of Canada, we should have a vote now. However, they do not speak for the people of Canada. The hon. member for Ottawa West knows as well as I do that when the Prime Minister spoke of a free vote, he put a gun right at their ears. He said look, if you have a free vote we will shoot your brains out because we will have an election. Is that the kind of mandate the Liberals got from the people? I say to him that is not the kind of responsibility which I know the member for Ottawa West believes we should have so far as members of parliament are concerned. I believe that question was only asked to try to put me off the rail.

I have one more point to make. Why do I say the report of the committee should be examined? I say this in all sincerity and with all the good will that can be mustered in this House of Commons; there was a committee set up and that committee was supposed to be working either in camera or in confidence. There are two kinds of committees. If a committee sits in camera, anything that goes on in that committee must not be told while the committee is sitting. Then there is the kind of committee that is confidential. Anything that goes on in that committee cannot be disclosed. One member of the Liberal party gave an article to a newspaper in this country and leaked all the information from this committee. I am not so sure it was not done deliberately, because I am not so sure this member may not have been dancing to the tune of others. I say this to you, if he knew his responsibilities, having leaked information from a committee sitting in camera or a confidential committee, he should stand in his place tonight and resign. He thought I had forgotten this issue, but that is what he should do.

**Some hon. Members:** Resign, resign.

**Mr. Deachman:** I rise on a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. On the morning of October 30, which was a Friday morning, I came into this house and at the opening of business I asked if the house wished to send me to the committee on privileges and elections. It was pointed out specifically to the house that if any member had a charge to lay at that time that member should lay a charge. I watched while the hon. member sat in his

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seat, just as he is sitting now, with a handful of charges in his hand, ready to rise. However, for some reason or other he could not do so. His pants were nailed to his seat. The opportunity was given to him, but he did not rise, he did not squeak—

**Mr. Woolliams:** I may squeak but I do not leak.

**Mr. Deachman:** I am not finished with my point of order and I have the floor.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is a question of privilege at all and I do not intend to yield the floor.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. This is one battle that the Speaker is bound to win. The hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) is entitled to make a statement. He has made a statement and I think we have all heard it. I would hope, in view of the fact that the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Woolliams) has only three or four minutes remaining, he would use them very usefully.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I do not know of any three or four minutes in the past I have used so usefully because I say this man usurped his responsibility. That is my answer in that regard.

**Mr. Deachman:** On a question of personal privilege—

**Mr. Speaker:** There is one way to settle the dispute. If any member wishes to charge another and he is quite serious about it, let him move a motion.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Well, Mr. Speaker, with the greatest respect to you, if we were to move motions every time we wished to criticize the actions of hon. members opposite we would have nothing but motions in the house. But I would say in this matter that his own secretary was typing that very article days before it was published.

**Mr. Deachman:** With respect, Mr. Speaker, this matter was ruled upon by Your Honour. Your Honour will no doubt recall that the hon. gentleman had ample time on that occasion to rise and make his speech—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This line of talk is getting nobody anywhere and I have pointed out the proper procedure to follow. The hon. member for Vancouver Quadra has made his statement and I think the hon. member for Bow River is entitled to four minutes extra, if he desires them, on account of the interruptions.