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Mr. Speaker: The House will now revert to the question period.

Mr. Cafik: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I feel an attempt has been made to deny me my rights as a member of the House of Commons by the assumption on the part of the opposition that they alone have the right to ask questions in this chamber.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Bell: Who is stopping you?

An hon. Member: Go ahead. Ask one.

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, I believe I have the right to be heard, even though the opposition may not feel the same way. In my opinion the motion we have just defeated is typical of the arrogance which the opposition consistently shows-

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member claimed to be rising on a question of privilege. He should state his question of privilege. He has no right to reflect on a vote.

Mr. Cafik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question of privilege is this: I had intended to ask questions in this House, as did many of my hon. friends on this side-

Some hon. Members: Go ahead.

Mr. Cafik: -and I feel an attempt has been made to deny me my rights as a Member of the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am not sure that the hon. member's question of privilege requires a ruling. At any rate, he will have heard that we have returned to the question period, and he is free to ask a question now.

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TRANSPORT

USE OF RAIL BEDS FOR PRIVATE COMMUTER SERVICES

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. On June 3 I wrote a letter to the minister requesting certain action by the department with respect to commuter transport in metropolitan areas of Canada, particularly in Toronto-

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Cafik: What action has been taken, or what action does the department intend to take, to make available rail beds for private commuter transport services-

Some hon. Members: Oh. oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has the floor for the purpose of asking a question. If he were to be denied that right it seems to me he might then have a valid question of privilege. In any event, the question has now been asked, and perhaps the minister wishes to reply.