

I request with all respect, Sir, that you require the Minister to table those studies in the House.

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I did not know that the hon. gentleman was going to raise this point yesterday, so I was not here to respond yesterday. Quite obviously the submission that he is making is erroneous. If Your Honour ever found in favour of it you would certainly go down in the history books because you would have greatly changed parliamentary procedure.

I am not going to quote Beaudesne's or any other parliamentary authority. I appeal to your common sense, Mr. Speaker, and to your knowledge of the rules.

As reported in yesterday's *Hansard* at pages 14187 and 14188 I was asked a question by the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) with regard to the CN shops at Moncton, and the decision of CN to shut the rail and shop operation at Moncton. Moncton would still be its main base of operations in Atlantic Canada, and the great majority of their employees in Atlantic Canada would be located at Moncton.

All that was stated in reply by myself was that, "CN's studies show quite clearly that it will make considerable savings . . ." I did not refer to any document. I had no study of CN's before me to which I was referring, a study with a capital "S" or any report with a capital "R", nor did I refer to a letter, nor did I quote from any study, letter, or document. How can I be requested to table a document when I have not got such a document and did not refer to or quote from such a document?

I notice that our former colleague, the Hon. Stanley Knowles is present. He would be shocked and dumbfounded. If the NDP were still being advised by our former colleague, Mr. Knowles, on this matter, this point would never have been brought up. It just shows the intolerable ignorance of the rules on behalf of the hon. gentleman.

I know that there was a major study done some years ago by CN in connection with its position with reference to those types of shops. I do not know how many other studies were done in addition to that. I have no such study. I did not quote from any such study. I have no letter that I quoted from. I have nothing that I could table. If Your Honour was so to direct me to table, what can I table?

I would like you to act, Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the rules and to dismiss this request.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) has given me some additional argument following on his intervention yesterday, and the Hon. Minister has replied.

It is interesting to note that the Hon. Minister referred to the Hon. Stanley Knowles and his expertise in procedure. I only wish that I could refer this problem to the hon. gentleman and have him solve it, but I am afraid that I will have to take

the matter under advisement and report back to the Chamber as soon as I can.

I thank both the Hon. Member and the Minister for their interventions.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES—REFERENCE TO MEMBER'S NAMES— WITHDRAWAL

Mr. Fernand Jourdenais (La Prairie): During the time reserved for Statements by Members you, Mr. Speaker, were apparently of the opinion that I made an improper use of Standing Order 21.

My only purpose was that no political Party should be allowed to promote the destruction of any community of Canada. My only purpose was to recommend to English-speaking Quebecers to stay away from the Parties that have those intentions.

I apologize to the House if, by mentioning the personal name of the Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides (Mr. Garneau), the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet), and the chief organizer of the Liberal Party of Canada, I disrupted the proceedings of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I see some Hon. Members rising, but I think that under the circumstances there is probably no need for any further comment. That is a completely unequivocal withdrawal. Members will notice, as the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Jourdenais) has just stated, I did interrupt the Hon. Member in his statement, and for reasons which are well known by all Members of the House.

I would hope that Hon. Members could accept the clear and direct statement that the Hon. Member has made. As far as the Speaker is concerned, I think that that ends the matter.

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): I have to be very attentive to Your Honour's comments. Did Your Honour say "as far as the Speaker is concerned" the incident is closed? You know, Mr. Speaker, I am respectful of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I am very respectful of the Hon. Member who is an experienced Member. If he thinks that I need to hear something further on the matter, I would defer to an experienced Member such as the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme).

Before addressing the subject any further, I must say that my sense of things is that the Hon. Member for La Prairie has withdrawn. In any advice that the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis may have for me, I would not want this to turn into an exchange between Members concerning a matter which has been withdrawn.