

Government Orders

Madam Speaker, I think you should ask the minister to withdraw his remarks.

Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, in the interest of progress, and I know my hon. friend wants to remain in the House, I will withdraw any impugning implications that I might have made in suggesting there was a close relationship between Ms. Martel and the hon. member.

Mr. Breugh: Madam Speaker, on a point of order. I know there has been a small amount of frivolity in what has been done here this morning, including the Solicitor General sitting chortling that he had managed to get something on the record.

I do not want to deny the House the right to have a little exchange back and forth, but I do want to draw to your attention, Madam Speaker, that there ought to be a distinction when the Solicitor General of Canada takes advantage of his parliamentary privileges, rises in his place and puts on the formal record of the proceedings of the Parliament of Canada some remarks that outside this Chamber might well be considered matters subject to legal action.

• (1045)

Mr. Cadieux: Madam Speaker, on a point of order. As my hon. colleagues are seemingly acknowledging that innuendo should not be used in the House I hope they will remember that in Question Period.

Mr. Barrett: Point of order, Madam Speaker. Since points of order are being used for debate it is up to the Chair to determine, and we have a complaint about that.

My colleague rose on a point of privilege. There was no intervention from the Chair when that member was completely out of order. That has not been addressed by the Chair.

I ask you, Madam Speaker, to explain why that member was allowed to speak completely out of order, but my colleague was brought to order when he was responding to that member.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The hon. minister has done the honourable thing and has withdrawn all comments.

We will resume debate. The hon. member for Manicouagan had been recognized and had started his speech.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, I move:

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

[*English*]

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Motion carried. Orders of the Day.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

Madam Deputy Speaker: On a point of order, the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

Mr. Blaikie: Madam Speaker, it is quite within the power of the hon. member for Manicouagan to move that we move to Orders of the Day but the Chair is under obligation to ask who is in favour of the motion, et cetera and—

Madam Deputy Speaker: I did. I did ask if it was the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion and the only thing that was heard was yes.

Point of order, the hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

Mr. Blaikie: Madam Speaker, at least you can recognize that there may have been some uncertainty given the distance between here and there and that you may not have heard members who said no when you asked.

You could ask again and see what happens. You could at least have the decency to do that, Madam Speaker, so that we could have a vote on this if indeed there are five members who are here to force a vote.