

Privilege—Mr. Rossi

Mr. Rossi: My origins have been attacked and he is joking about it.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Bourassa and the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) will stay in order.

Mr. Prud'homme: I stayed in order.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Skeena is attempting to continue a point of order. I cannot allow that. I suggest that he may want to consult the Chair about his procedural remedies. The Hon. Member for Skeena could simply deal with this elsewhere because there is a way in which to deal with it.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I understand that you have made a ruling and I will not comment on it. However, it is also the duty of the Chair to ask Members to refrain from pursuing a debate even though they now know they can attack each other and that it will not be reported. The ongoing conversation that we heard here should also be brought to your attention—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member is attempting to comment on a ruling. He may wish to check Erskine May about the difference between private proceedings and the proceedings of the House. He may also wish to check Erskine May and its precedents with regard to matters and remedies that are—

Mr. Prud'homme: I know.

Mr. Speaker: If he knows that, what is he doing?

Mr. Prud'homme: But you should ask them to refrain.

Mr. Speaker: Will the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis come to order? The Hon. Member for Nipissing (Mr. Mantha) will come to order as well.

Mr. Prud'homme: That is exactly what we want.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis will stay in order or he will push the Chair beyond its limits.

Mr. Prud'homme: But—

Mr. Speaker: Would the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis button up?

Mr. Prud'homme: No, that is not the way to talk. Now I have a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis—

Mr. Prud'homme: You are making the question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a situation that is difficult for everyone, including the Chair. I repeat to the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis that he and other Members may wish to read Erskine May on this matter with respect to the rules and references for Members with regard to private proceedings. That is what I suggest other Hon. Members may wish to do.

Mr. Prud'homme: A question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: If the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis is asking that the Chair apologize to him for saying "button up", I apologize.

Mr. Prud'homme: That is fine.

[Translation]

Mr. Rossi: Mr. Speaker, in the past I heard that kind of remarks here

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Rossi: At least you should have asked if he said it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As far as the record shows, nothing was said that the House can—

Mr. Rossi: Ask him.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has ruled on the matter.

The Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) on the business question?

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): I want to ask the business question but I also want to ask whether, if such a situation arises in the future, you will be able to take judicial notice of the fact that the Member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Suluk) made a statement in the House and a Conservative Member made a statement as well.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Will the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) resume his seat? The Hon. Member knows, particularly as House Leader, that continuing to comment on a Speaker's ruling is improper. Therefore, I recognize the Hon. Member for Windsor West on the business question.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I will ask the Government House Leader about the business of the House. I am asking the Speaker how we may look on a similar matter in the future.

Mr. Speaker: Even if it were in order to comment on the ruling, it could not be in order to put a hypothetical question because the Speaker could not answer it. The Hon. Member knows that. Does the Hon. Member have a business question?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): He already asked it.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. House Leader of the Official Opposition for the usual question. I indicated last week that the debate on the Budget would continue to its termination tomorrow. Next week it is my intention—as I have already advised the Opposition House Leaders—to call *inter alia*, as we say in Saskatoon, Bill C-87, the Bill respecting Canadian