

Business of the House

Mr. Crosbie: Why?

Mr. MacGuigan: Britain is very pleased with the kind of support it has been receiving from its allies.

Mr. Crosbie: What support?

Mr. MacGuigan: Our actions are exactly parallel to those of the European community.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO SEND CANADIAN AEROBATIC TEAM TO EUROPE

Hon. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns the Canadian Aerobic Association which wishes to send a team to Austria for the world championships in August, 1982. Has the minister received a letter of request for assistance from the Canadian Aerobic Association, asking for assistance either in terms of money or in terms of getting the airplanes over to Europe?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Madam Speaker, I have received such a letter. We do not have a great amount of funds for sending Canadians abroad to participate in functions of this kind. We will certainly give fair consideration to the request of the hon. member.

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PETITION

MISS JEWETT—NICARAGUA—RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the two hundred and thirtieth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett) on Tuesday, April 27, 1982, and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I merely wish to confirm, for the information of hon. members on both sides of the House, that tomorrow will be an opposition day.

PRIVILEGE

MR. PELLETIER—REFERRING TO MEMBERS BY NAME DURING DEBATE

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): Madam Speaker, I should like to draw your attention to a practice that, I feel, is becoming a dangerous habit. I should like to refer you, Madam Speaker, to *Beauchesne*, fifth edition, Citation 319 on page 104, and I quote:

(1) It is the custom in the House that no Member should refer to another by name—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member raising a point of order?

Mr. Pelletier: No, Madam Speaker, I am raising a question of privilege.

Madam Speaker: Does this question of privilege arise from today's proceedings?

Mr. Pelletier: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Sherbrooke has the floor.

Mr. Pelletier: Madam Speaker, during the past months, certain opposition members have referred to ministers and the Right Hon. Prime Minister by name, which is forbidden under the Standing Orders of the House.

I must also point out today that on Monday and Tuesday, the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie), yesterday, the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor), last week, the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark), the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), and the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen)—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member must not go beyond his point of order. In fact, it is certainly not a question of privilege, and the hon. member should not persist in treating it as such. If he wishes to speak on a point of order, I shall listen to him.

Mr. Pelletier: Madam Speaker, that is all right with me. I am quite willing to call this a point of order, but it seems to me that if all hon. members' privileges may be affected, it is more like a question of privilege. In any case, Madam Speaker, it seems to me you should be somewhat stricter on this point, because in my humble opinion, it is a practice that could well—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member disagrees with the manner in which the Chair conducts the proceedings of the House, he has various options from which to choose, which do not include making remarks of this kind and reprimanding the Chair. It is not a personal matter but concerns my role in the House.