

*Correction in Hansard*

That this House holds that the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board is unworthy of continuing to answer for the Wheat Board.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that all motions are not automatically accepted because they are moved under the terms of Standing Order 43. Motions made under the terms of Standing Order 43 are subject to exactly the same rules as other motions. I have very serious doubts whether this motion is acceptable and I propose to take it under consideration before it is put to the House.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, will the Chair also take into consideration the fact that the same minister a few minutes ago tabled certain documents under Standing Order 41(2) with respect to which he should have made a statement in the House so that other hon. members could have had a chance to reply?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Peace River may have a valid point. Perhaps the minister will want to take that under consideration.

Hon. members will appreciate that I do not want to create difficulties in any way, but I feel that motions made under Standing Order 43 ought to respect all the rules in the same way as all other motions. Perhaps I have been guilty of giving the impression to the House and hon. members that any motion made under Standing Order 43 is automatically in order and should be put. However, there are some motions which, even if they were to receive the unanimous consent of the House, in theory should not be put if, according to the views of the Chair, they are not consonant with our practices and with the rules of the House.

I have serious doubts about the hon. member's motion. Basically, I think it is a privilege motion, and the hon. member knows how that kind of motion has to be proposed. That is my impression at first blush. I do not want to be unfair to the hon. member and I will look at the matter very seriously before I make a ruling.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### CORRECTION IN OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES— PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERS

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a correction in *Hansard*.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Baldwin:** From the sublime to the ridiculous.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, you can see who is making all the noise. I hope they will wait until they hear the correction. On October 14, Mr. Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** —at page 8691—

[Mr. Downey.]

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** I just want to change one word.

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I thank hon. members who with billowing voices are asking for order, but that is the responsibility of the Chair.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** It is only a matter of one word, Your Honour.

**Mr. Hees:** Is it a four letter word?

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** The word "there" should be changed to the word "tears". I was speaking to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield). The sentence should read: "How is the heavy water tears, Bob?"

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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**An hon. Member:** It isn't Hallowe'en and you are being funny already.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in order to seek the guidance of the Chair. Am I to understand that a precedent has been established today and that we can now go back two weeks and bring up a question such as the hon. member has just raised?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The point raised by the hon. member is well taken, but he and all hon. members will appreciate that the Chair has to wait until the point has been made. I certainly disagree wholeheartedly with any suggestion that hon. members can rise on motions and correct *Hansard* of two weeks ago.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

• (2:30 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is right. No precedent has been set. I have, in any event, indicated to hon. members on many occasions that changes to *Hansard* should be made in the normal way simply by calling the Editor of Debates, thus saving the House a good deal of time. This applies to all hon. members.

I appreciate that on some occasions mistakes which might have been made in the report could lead to difficulties affecting individual members. In such circumstances there is, I think, a responsibility on the part of the House to hear an hon. member who wishes to correct the record immediately. In other circumstances I do not think it is in accordance with the spirit of our rules to change the record or to seek corrections on motions, or at any time, except where there is a very serious change to be made. And that should be done immediately, not ten days or two weeks later.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!