

our rules. Let me say to the Prime Minister and to the cabinet that the conduct of which the Minister of Agriculture, the Prime Minister and other ministers have been guilty during the course of this session makes a mockery of their expressed desire to reform parliament; it is sanctimonious hypocrisy.

Let them not talk about reforming parliament in the light of conduct of this sort. Instead of being prepared to face charges properly made by an hon. member, the minister preferred to go outside the house and put on record specific answers to those charges, something which should have been done here in this house, and in this house only. That is why I raise a question of privilege at this time.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I heard the date given by the hon. member for Peace River.

**Mr. Baldwin:** June 21.

**Mr. Olson:** Well, according to my calendar it is two days from now that this newspaper will be published.

Seriously, I have not read this article. I certainly did not write the article. Whether it contains a lot of speculation or not is a matter about which I cannot give an opinion at this point. I suspect that it does contain a lot of speculation, perhaps a repetition of suggestions which have been made to the government from time to time by many farm organizations in connection with the subject matter.

I did not say anything more to the press, to the reporter from the *Financial Post*, or indeed to any other member of the press than I have said in this house.

I want to close by reminding the hon. member for Peace River that there is no one in this house who has more respect for this institution than I have.

**Mr. Speaker:** I rise to suggest to hon. members that it is perhaps procedurally incorrect to continue with a debate when there is no motion before the house. The hon. member for Edmonton West seeks the floor, but I wonder whether in the circumstances it might not be better to go on with the business of parliament.

• (2:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** As a point of information, the minister is referred to in the article in question in these words: "Olson told *Financial Post*", and then the article follows along.

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### Government Policy on Uranium Sales

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, it would not be the first time that this minister and other ministers have been misquoted.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS

**Mr. Speaker:** Before we proceed with the business of the house today I wonder whether hon. members would allow me to bring to their attention the presence in the Speaker's gallery of a delegation of Australian parliamentarians. These distinguished colleagues are visiting Ottawa as part of a journey arranged through the auspices of the Speaker of the Canadian section of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. On behalf of my colleagues in the house I extend to them a most hearty welcome, and express the hope that their visit with us in this parliament in Ottawa will be interesting, pleasant and fruitful.

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from the Senate informing this house that the Senate has passed Bill S-39, an act respecting Boy Scouts of Canada and to incorporate L'Association des Scouts du Canada, to which the concurrence of this house is required.

### ATOMIC ENERGY

#### URANIUM—STATEMENT BY MINISTER RESPECTING GOVERNMENT POLICY ON SALES

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the house of the government's policy with respect to future sales of uranium to other countries.

On June 3, 1965, Prime Minister Pearson outlined to this house a policy regarding uranium exports which provided for such exports under safeguards to ensure that the uranium was used only for peaceful purposes, and which also provided for the stockpiling of uranium to enable operation of Canadian uranium mines to be continued while markets developed for this material.

Many significant changes have taken place since 1965 in the world uranium market. There is a growing world requirement in