

Administration of Justice

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In your ruling a while ago, you did not mention that the hon. member for Villeneuve would have to accept the responsibility for the article. You mentioned citation 157, paragraph 3, subparagraph (b), and paragraphs 5 and 6. None of them stipulates that a member who reads a newspaper article assumes the responsibility for it.

Moreover, when members read to the house statements the press attributed to the Minister of Justice, not one of them took the responsibility for them.

Let the hon. member for Villeneuve read his newspaper article, which will be according to your instructions and rulings of a while ago. You did not mention at any time that the hon. member for Villeneuve had to accept the responsibility for it. I say, at this point, that in his usual fashion, the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) distorts the Speaker's statements, and that is a serious matter when one's mind is that crooked.

[English]

Mr. Nugent: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the ruling that Your Honour made was that the hon. member would be out of order in reading this article.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Nugent: If I might remind Your Honour of what you said, it was that unless the hon. member adopted the views contained in the article as his own, he would be out of order in reading it. Your Honour said that if he wanted to read it he would have to do so on his own responsibility. I ask you, sir, to ask hon. members to stop arguing against the ruling you have already made. You have ruled that it would be out of order for the hon. member to read the article and I ask you to ask him to stop reading it.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I should like to move that the house do now adjourn, seconded by the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Starr).

An hon. Member: Chicken.

Mr. Winkler: Who is chicken around here? Let the minister get up and talk.

Mr. Starr: There hasn't been a backbone on the front benches opposite for two days now.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

[Mr. Nielson.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Pickersgill: I am rising on a point of order.

Mr. Starr: The motion is not debatable.

Mr. Pickersgill: A point of order may be raised at any time.

Mr. Churchill: It is not debatable.

Mr. Pickersgill: I am rising on a point of order. The point of order is that there does not seem to be any proceeding before the house and the motion is therefore not in order.

Mr. Starr: The minister has risen on a point of order, but that is not a point of order.

Mr. Grégoire: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Starr: There is no point of order.

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

Mr. Grégoire: Are you annoyed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It might be just as well if hon. members gave the Speaker the chance to make a ruling. He is going to make it anyway.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yesterday during the proceedings of the house pretty much the same situation arose. The hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette) was making a speech and the floor was taken from him, legitimately of course, by a point of order. When a point of order is put to the house, no member has the right to move that the house adjourn until the hon. member who was making the speech at the time has the floor again. I therefore declare that the motion is out of order at this particular time. The hon. member for Villeneuve.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: I go on in English—

[English]

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Mr. Nielsen: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—