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The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Order!

Senator Flynn: Rubbish!

Senator Roblin: I want to express my gratitude to Senator Flynn for acquainting me with the source of the rumour—a member of the other place. I am not exactly sure whether it is required of me to satisfy allegations made by a member of the other place when the minister to whom he addressed the question is sitting in front of him. I think it is up to that member, if he is not satisfied with the answer that he got from the minister, to pursue his questioning. But to raise the same issue in this house and expect me to provide a different answer from that already provided by the minister is not correct use of the Question Period here.

Senator Frith: Honourable senators, I have a point of order. I said there were allegations made and I wanted to know the facts. The facts have not appeared on the record there or elsewhere. That is what I am asking for.

Senator Flynn: Are you speaking for Nunziata?

Senator Frith: Is the Leader of the Government seriously suggesting that I am not entitled, as a senator, to ask him whether the fact is or is not that something took place? That is what I want to find out.

As I understand it, the point the Leader of the Government is making is that the question was asked in the other place, that allegations were made in the other place and that I am not entitled to ask for facts connected with those allegations. I am so entitled and that is all I am asking for. I am not asking him to say anything about Mr. Nunziata.

Senator Flynn: Oh, oh.

Senator Frith: No, I am not. Read the record. I am simply asking for an answer to this question.

Senator Flynn: Ask him.

Senator Frith: Mr. Nunziata does not know whether it happened or not.

Senator Flynn: If he does not know, he should not have made that allegation.

Senator Frith: That is his problem. You wanted to know about Mr. Nunziata, and I told you about him. Now we are going to talk about what I want to know, as a senator, not what Mr. Nunziata wants to know.

Senator Flynn: Rubbish!

Senator Frith: I want to know: Did Corporal Wood leak information to Mr. MacKay or not—period? That is the question.

Senator Perrault: A good question.

Senator Frith: It could not be any more simple and it is perfectly in order. It has nothing to do with whether someone asked questions in the other place.

Senator Flynn: You use your immunity like Nunziata. That is cowardly!

Senator Roblin: I have taken notice of the fact that my honourable friend—

Senator Frith: Whom are you calling a coward?

Senator Flynn: I said that what you said was cowardly.

Senator Frith: Is it parliamentary to call a senator cowardly?

Senator Flynn: I did not call you a coward; I said that what you said was cowardly.

Senator Frith: That is a very cowardly answer.

Senator Flynn: I don't mind.

Senator Frith: You do not have the guts to stick with it.

CANADIAN PENSION COMMISSION

REPLACEMENT OF WING COMMANDER MACKENZIE, DFC

Hon. John M. Godfrey: Honourable senators, according to the report in the newspaper, Corporal Wood replaced Wing Commander Andy MacKenzie, DFC, whom I met when I was representing the Senate at the thirty-fifth anniversary of the D-Day celebrations. Wing Commander MacKenzie fought not only in Europe, but while fighting in Korea he was shot down.

Senator Perrault: The Tories shot him down again.

Senator Godfrey: He spent two years in solitary confinement in China before he was released. He is very well regarded in the air force. He never, as far as I know, had any political connections with the Liberal Party.

In view of all of that, would the Leader of the Government speak to the minister in an endeavour to find Wing Commander MacKenzie some other suitable employment? I know it may be too late to put him back on the Canadian Pension Commission.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): When my honourable friend speaks of a veteran, I listen. From personal contact with him many years ago, I know of Wing Commander MacKenzie's distinguished career in the air force.

My honourable friend can rest assured that I will take his question as notice and try to find an answer for him.

APPROPRIATIONS

URGENCY OF PASSAGE OF BILL C-54

Hon. John B. Stewart: Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government or, perhaps, more appropriately for his deputy, Senator Doody.

On Tuesday, the Deputy Leader of the Government, with regard to Bill C-54, the appropriation bill, said:

If we do not get the appropriation bill through before the end of this week, then they will have to go to extreme