

the most important words, the last ones, which are addressed to all Canadian Press editors and I quote.

[English]

It says the House is still debating the questions of privilege and there is no indication when the advance copy on the estimates will be released.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker, I want to draw your attention to the fact that on all the documents read to you by the hon. member the following words are to be found:

[English]

"Guard against premature release."

[Translation]

Madam Speaker, the combination of both indicates that there has not been any release under the agreement between the government and the press.

[English]

Mr. Oberle: Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: I must interrupt the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) as the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle) is rising on a point or order.

Mr. Oberle: Madam Speaker, I am rising on the same point of order simply to ask the minister a question. I should like to ask him, through you, if he is an editor of Canadian Press because—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Order. That is not a point of order. It is debate. The hon. member for York-Peel was speaking on the question of privilege and I will have to continue to hear him because that was not a point of order.

Mr. Oberle: Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: It was not a point of order.

Mr. Oberle: Was his a point of order?

Madam Speaker: Neither. The hon. member for York-Peel.

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, a point of order.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Lonsdale) on a point of order.

Privilege—Mr. W. Baker

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, the reason I referred to the wire story saying "tabled" was because that showed how this question of privilege is clearly in order. Surely the interruptions—

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Timiskaming on a point of order. I am sorry, but I have to advise the House that when someone gets up on a point of order I must recognize and hear that hon. member, at least until I realize it is not a point of order. I hope this one is.

Mr. Lonsdale: Madam Speaker, I am referring to the point raised by the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Blais). The hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker), and the hon. member who spoke previously on the question of privilege, have not brought any evidence that their privileges have been breached because there is no evidence—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Madam Speaker: Order, order!

Mr. Lonsdale: There is no evidence—

Madam Speaker: I am afraid that is argument and I cannot allow it. The hon. member for York-Peel.

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, surely even members on the government side will see how ludicrous their argument is. They asked how we know it had been published and then they stood up reading from it a few short moments ago.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Stevens: The Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Blais) rose on a point of order saying he wanted you to know certain other sentences that were in the wire story going coast to coast. Then hon. members stand and ask how we know it has been published. Clearly the wire story not only refers to the minister tabling in this House, which has not occurred, but it goes on to say, "The hefty blue book of spending plans for the fiscal year 1981-82 beginning—"

Madam Speaker: Order. It is now six o'clock. Will hon. members allow me to say, "Thank God." After all, I have been four hours in the Chair.

The House stands adjourned until two o'clock tomorrow pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.