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Time Allocation

Minister of the Crown to propagandize my constituents in a fashion that I am not able to-

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I never said that I found that legitimate. That is not my concern. I am telling the Hon. Member that the way in which the Government determines that it will publicize its policies, its instructions, its directives or its regulations is not of concern to the Chair. The freedom of expression of the Hon. Member has not been tampered with. He has not been molested. Privilege deals precisely with these kinds of things. I do not think that a publication published by the Government—which the Hon. Member, by the way, was able to consult, I suppose—constitutes a question of privilege. His freedom has not been tampered with. Perhaps he is saying that he has not had a fair chance. He is able to expose and discuss that in the House, but the Chair cannot arbitrate in these matters.

Mr. Mayer: With all due respect, Madam Speaker, to paraphrase or to quote you, you said that under the proper proceedings you would allow me to raise this issue. What are the proper proceedings?

Madam Speaker: I am willing to coach Hon. Members on the procedure which they can use in order to do whatever they want to do in the House, but not in the House. Perhaps the Hon. Member could discuss this with me in another place and I could indicate times and proceedings which are available to him; but I am sure he knows them very well.

Mr. Taylor: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. When a Government uses public money to advertise one side of a Bill before it becomes law—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. If the Hon. Member wants to raise a point of order, he may do that, but I have now ruled that the Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette does not have a question of privilege. As a matter of fact, the Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette has accepted my ruling. He asked me alternatively what proceedings could he use because he has accepted my argument.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I am speaking to the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) now. The Hon Member may not comment on my ruling. There was no question of privilege in the case of the Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette.

Mr. Taylor: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. What I am saying, if you will just hear me out, is that when a Government advertises one side of a Bill before it becomes law, then it is not fair—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. That is not a point of order. The Hon. Member is debating the question; he is not raising a point of order. This is not the time for debate. He can use

many other occasions on which to debate that point, as he knows very well.

• (1620)

Mr. Mayer: Madam Speaker, you said that I accepted your ruling.

Madam Speaker: Is this a point of order?

Mr. Mayer: Yes, it is a point of order, Madam Speaker. You said that I accepted your ruling by implication. With great respect and deference to the Chair, I certainly accept your ruling on my point of privilege, but that does not mean that I accept the despicable conduct of the Minister of Agriculture in publishing this document.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

[English]

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF THE SIXTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING OF BILL C-85

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture) moved:

That, in relation to Bill C-85, an Act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, one sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of each of the report stage and the third reading stage of the Bill; and

That fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government business on those days, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of the stage of the Bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively without further debate or amendment.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Friesen: A point of order, Madam Speaker.