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OLYMPIC HOCKEY—CANADA VERSUS U.S.A.

Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche): Mr. Speaker, since the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Olivier) is in another country, I would just like to mention that Canada won 4-2 against the United States.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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POINTS OF ORDER

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. During the Oral Question Period, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) put on the record an erroneous statistic which I know he would be the first to want to have corrected. He said that in—

Mr. Speaker: With all due respect to the Hon. Member, differences as to statistics or facts are debate, not points of order. I can appreciate that the Hon. Member wants to make an intervention, but there are other devices available to him, including the adjournment debate, to correct a matter of this nature or to set the record straight.

Mr. McMillan: Mr. Speaker, this would be the only way for the official record to be set straight.

Some Hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Speaker: Regretfully I have to rule that it is not a point of order.

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I would simply ask that you review the common practices of this House that the lead-off speaker for the third Party, for the NDP in the House, generally gets two supplementaries together. Pursuing the practice that was followed today was most disruptive—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Supplementaries are at the discretion of the Chair. That is a well-established parliamentary practice.

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, you will recognize that yesterday the same thing occurred to me but it did not occur to members of the Official Opposition. If there is equality of opportunity for Hon. Members—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Will the Hon. Member resume his seat. The Hon. Member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller) asked a further supplementary. He indicated to the Chair his concern, and it was granted to him. There are procedures which respect the dignity of this place available to Hon. Members.

Mr. Skelly: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: A point of privilege arising immediately out of these proceedings?

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Mr. Skelly: Immediately out of these proceedings, Mr. Speaker. I feel, as a Member of the House, and with a request to be treated in as equitable manner as other Hon. Members, that some—

Mr. Speaker: Will the Hon. Member please resume his seat. The Hon. Member for Rosemont (Mr. Lachance).

Mr. Skelly: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member cannot be continuously recognized on a point of privilege.

Mr. Skelly: One further point, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has ruled on the matter.

[*Translation*]

Order, please. The Hon. Member for Rosemont (Mr. Lachance), on a point of order.

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, with reference to Standing Order 15, which gives you the privilege to preserve decorum in the House, I wish to draw your attention to an incident that occurred a few moments ago when you recognized the Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) for the third time and several Members of the New Democratic Party intimated, Mr. Speaker, that you should sit down.

I find this practice altogether deplorable and I hope there will be no recurrences in the future.

[*English*]

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. With regard to the long-established practice about which you have spoken to us concerning supplementaries being at the discretion of the Chair, the only time we have seen that start to take a different tone is since—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Would the Hon. Member resume his seat. Presenting reports from Standing and Special Committees.

Mr. Skelly: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member has already been recognized on a point of privilege. The subject matter which he raised is clearly not the kind of matter that he can raise on a point of privilege. If he wants to put a motion in place respecting the conduct of the Chair, that option is open to him and the group he represents; but the Hon. Member cannot continue in the vein he was adopting a few minutes ago.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we may find a way of accommodating what is perceived to be a problem. The mechanism would be for some consultation with the House Leader to deal with what might be perceived as a grievance. It may be within your discretion and ability to remove that grievance, and we would proceed with the dignity which the House requires.