

## S. O. 52

**Mr. Speaker:** I wonder if the hon. member would allow the Chair to interrupt him, not because this is not a very serious matter, and I might suggest to the Hon. Member it can be discussed perhaps later, but I have to say to the Hon. Member that it is not a question of privilege, and I think that it would not be appropriate to continue at this time, and depending on what happens later today, I may hear the Hon. Member further.

**Mr. Fulton:** Yes, but keeping in mind what you said, Mr. Speaker, I just want to make one point clear because I think the Ministers may well want to respond to it because there are trans-boundary rivers—the Alsek, Tatsenshini, the Stikine which are in fact parts of—

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, the Hon. Member's geography is exact and I can assure that those rivers are just where they are and I know exactly what the Hon. Member is worried about, but as I say, it is not properly a question of privilege. Perhaps the Hon. Member will have a chance later for further discussion.

**Mr. Boudria:** But it is a good point.

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## POINT OF ORDER

## ALLEGED COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Mr. Milliken:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker. During Question Period today, the Minister of National Health and Welfare in one of his answers, and I am sorry he has left the House, this is one of the problems of this rule, but the point of order must be raised after the Question Period—

**Mr. Epp:** Give notice, it works.

**Mr. Milliken:** I did give notice. He left for a meeting, but I will raise the point and he can reply to it another day. He gave an answer to a question, Mr. Speaker, which in my submission violated Rule 18 of the Standing Orders which states that no Member shall speak disrespectfully of a sovereign nor of any member of the Royal Family or so on, nor use offensive words against either House or any member thereof. Mr. Speaker, in my submission the answer given by the Minister contained references to the other place which in my submission were contrary to the words and the spirit of Standing Order 18, and I would respectfully request that the Minister take the appropriate steps when he returns to the Chamber.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have heard the Hon. Member and I am very familiar with the rule. Perhaps now that the Hon. Member has raised the matter, we will adjourn until we have a chance to hear what response there may be from the Minister. I thank the Hon. Member.

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## MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

## SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** I advised the House that I will return with respect to the matters raised this morning which received very careful attention indeed. This morning I received applications for emergency debate under Standing Order 52 relating to three separate items. I ask the indulgence of the House and I want to refer to the privilege motions first.

I have now had the opportunity to review the alleged question of privilege raised earlier this day with the Hon. Member for Port Moody—Coquitlam (Mr. Waddell) relating to the fact that Bill C-204 has yet to be proclaimed. I am unable to find that the Member's privileges have been infringed by this circumstance. The Hon. Member may remember that I did indicate that at the time of his argument.

In relation to the alleged question of privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Prince Albert—Churchill River (Mr. Funk) regarding the timing of drought payments, I will again reiterate the point I made earlier this day that while the Member may feel that he has indeed a grievance in relation to this matter, and I think at the time so may his constituents and others, I cannot find that his privileges as a Member have been breached. I therefore cannot find a prima facie question of privilege.

I point out to the Hon. Members, and to the public who is listening, that there is of course a difference between a grievance and a question of privilege. Privilege can only be sought and claimed when indeed something has been done which actually does impair the capacity of the Hon. Member to carry on their duties, and I find that in these cases that is not the situation.

As I started to say, this morning I received applications for emergency debates under Standing Order 52 relating to three separate items: The matter of aviation safety, the removal of oats from the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board, the oil spill outside the Port of Valdez.

Let us deal first with the question raised by the Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria) and the Member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan (Mr. Angus) on air safety.