

*Point of Order—Mr. Siddon*

respect of these statutes. We have a Privacy Commissioner now, even though the Government—

**Mr. Speaker:** Will the Hon. Member ask his question, please?

**Mr. Lawrence:** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is this. Under Section 8(1) of the Privacy Act, has the Minister of Justice informed Mr. John Grace, the Privacy Commissioner, of the breach of the Privacy Act? And if not, why not?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, it is of the essence of the prosecutory decision-making that the Attorney General and his prosecutors should have the kind of discretion which my hon. friend is questioning. We have exercised that discretion, and we have decided not to prosecute.

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### PETITIONS

MR. KEEPER—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James (Mr. Keeper) on Monday, March 5, 1984 and finds that the petition does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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### POINT OF ORDER

MR. SIDDON—REQUEST LIST OF SPECIAL RECOVERY CAPITAL PROJECTS BE TABLED

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I will be very brief. During his reply to my question relating to the Special Recovery Capital Projects Program, the Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development (Mr. Johnston), the Minister responsible, made reference to a list, a detailed breakdown of projects under that program individual Members' ridings. I have asked the Minister to table this list on previous occasions. He is under an obligation to do so. I watched very closely; he was referring to that list and to specific Hon. Members and projects on a riding by riding basis. I happen to know that within the Department such a list has been prepared and I would ask the Minister now to table it, as in his obligation.

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, I have no problem with what the Hon. Member says. I was responding to the porkbarrel charge and I had drawn from the list certain very significant projects from coast to coast which are in ridings of Hon. Members on the opposite side of the House, members of the

Progressive Conservative Party and the New Democratic Party. I suppose this is a representative list. I do not even know if it is complete. It certainly does not have all of the projects, by any means, but it has a very substantial number.

I am only sorry I did not have the opportunity in answering the question to complete my recitation of the projects with which, I am sure, most Hon. Members would be quite impressed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Hon. Minister undertaking to table the list, such as it is?

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, I would prefer to extend a clean copy because I wrote a few comments on it.

**Mr. Lawrence:** You mean a laundered copy.

**Mr. Speaker:** According to Beauchesne's Fifth Edition, Citation 327:

A Minister of the Crown is not at liberty to read or quote from a despatch or other state paper not before the House, unless he be prepared to lay it upon the Table.

In the circumstances I invite the Hon. Minister to table the list to which he referred.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, it is the custom, I believe, in answering questions in the House, to refer to material, which is what I did. I have a briefing book. I never laid it upon the Table. In any event, I have no objection to laying this list upon the Table. I see that the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) would like to see it because he knows there is a \$35 million project in here for him—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Minister contending that he views this as reference material and that there is not a list in existence such as described? Is that the Minister's contention?

**Mr. Ouellet:** Yes.

**Mr. Johnston:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I missed that.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Minister contending that he does not have a specific list but is using reference material only? Is that the Minister's contention?

**An Hon. Member:** Table the list and be done with it.

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, I cannot deny this is in list form. I have no objection to tabling it, Mr. Speaker. I would just like, if I may, to have a photocopy of it.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Minister has agreed to table it and that disposes of the matter as far as the Chair is concerned.

**An Hon. Member:** Well, he is not tabling it.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Minister has agreed to have it photostated and tabled.