

Non-Confidence in Deputy Speaker

citation 42 to which the hon. member for Lapointe made reference. This very point was discussed on Friday night, and the only member to deal with it, other than the hon. member for Lapointe, was the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Diefenbaker: He never dealt with it.

Mr. Knowles: There will be an opportunity for me to speak later, but I think the Secretary of State for External Affairs should keep the record straight on this point. Any intervention I made on Friday was concerned with standing order 41, and had to do with sitting at night and postponing the hour of adjournment. It had nothing to do with whether or not the motion was in order. But I will speak on that when my turn comes.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I thank the hon. gentleman for that correction. He dealt with standing order 41. The hon. member for Lapointe had argued that there had to be 48 hours notice in respect of the motion for adjournment as well as for other—

Mr. Gregoire: No.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): And, in the event, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre effectively dealt with that, as recorded at page 921.

Mr. Gregoire: On a point of order, I never objected to the absence of 48 hours' notice with respect to altering the time of adjournment. It was just on the question of the motion, the presentation of the resolution. I wish to challenge the Secretary of State for External Affairs on that point. He will look long before finding anything to support his contention there.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): All I was saying amounts to this, the other night the hon. gentleman insisted that citation 41, and now, today, citation 42, had an application to this situation. I was simply mentioning that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre effectively dealt on Friday night with any relevance that citation 41, requiring 48 hours' notice, might have with regard to the question before us.

But, surely, the issue has been correctly stated by the Leader of the Opposition. I deny that there was any error on the part of the administration. I do not deny we were all moved at that moment by the need to consider a vital matter affecting a threat to the peace of the world. That situation, which certainly is not a normal one, has to be borne in mind in connection with the exercise of our procedures the other night. The important consideration at this moment is that, as a result of the procedure on Friday

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night, the hon. gentleman is not condemning the government; he is condemning one of the officers of this house, the Deputy Speaker, who presided over our deliberations on Friday.

Speaking for the Prime Minister, who has a slight cold and is not in his place today, I would say, as the Leader of the Opposition, as an officer of the house has said, whatever may have been the justification for condemning speakers in the course of our parliamentary history, there will not be found any precedent to warrant the present occasion as one for condemnation. Indeed, I would say that on the basis of the words referred to by the Leader of the Opposition as reported on page 911, there is clear indication that the Deputy Speaker is in no way deserving of the proposed vote of censure. For the Deputy Speaker said:

I believe the Prime Minister asked leave to present the motion and he is proceeding on that basis.

The Prime Minister said:

I began my remarks by asking for leave to present this motion and I had the understanding—

There was no immediate objection, from hon. gentlemen who sit down in the corner, to this statement by the Deputy Speaker. He said, I repeat: "I believe the Prime Minister asked leave...". No one took exception to that. The Deputy Speaker himself said he understood that the Prime Minister had asked leave and, undoubtedly, he made that statement after recalling what the Prime Minister had in fact, said: "By leave, I wish to move—" and so on.

Mr. Gregoire: On a point of order. I have already dealt with that aspect. About ten or 12 lines later on, as reported in *Hansard*, I said—and I bring this particularly to the hon. gentleman's attention:

If I am told that the Prime Minister only asks leave to make a statement, then we agree, let him do so. On the other hand, if we are told that the Prime Minister asks for the unanimous consent of the house to introduce a motion, and unanimous consent has been given by the house this is quite another matter.

I have spoken already on that point and expressed my view that the Prime Minister never asked unanimous consent or leave.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): There were other points which the hon. gentleman raised. I did not deal with them because I do not believe they have any pertinence to the issue before us. What this motion seeks to do at this time is to reprimand, to express dissatisfaction, to say that the house no longer has any confidence in the Deputy Speaker. There is no evidence before us, as the Leader of the Opposition has said, to warrant such a motion. We all know that the Deputy