

Affairs (Mr. Jamieson), or his colleague, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), might speak to their colleague.

On Friday, Bill C-25 was introduced. I could, but I will not, mention the fact that it was available to all sorts of persons outside the House before it was introduced in the House. However, what concerns me now is that the package which the minister used on Friday during his press conference, which contains a copy of the bill, was widely distributed to members of the press, members of the public, civil servants, bureaucrats, and employees in the pipeline commission office, but hon. members have not received that package in the mail. I am told that the debate is to commence next Monday on a very important and complex bill.

An hon. Member: Typical arrogance.

Mr. Nielsen: I am asking for immediate restitution to all members of the House so that we might be prepared to participate intelligently in that debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): With reference to the issue raised by the hon. member, Mr. Speaker, I was here on Friday and you will certainly remember the many points of order and the many questions of privilege which were discussed and which kept the President of Privy Council in the House until one o'clock. He had agreed to hold a press conference at 12.30 p.m. to deal with the bill on the northern pipeline, a conference which I was supposed to attend. This press conference was delayed because of the questions which were raised in the House and which were of paramount importance.

When the House adjourned at 1 p.m., I personally distributed the packages mentioned by the hon. member: I gave three such packages to the leader of his party in the House, one to the chief whip of his party, two to the representative of the New Democratic Party; however, I was unable to give any to the representative of the Social Credit Party of Canada, for there was not a single hon. member of that party present in the House on Friday at one o'clock. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I feel that the hon. member is complaining unduly. We advised all hon. members and distributed these packages to them in the House at 1 p.m., before distributing them elsewhere.

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not know that we can carry this much further. The hon. member has raised a point of order or a grievance and there has been a response to it. There is no mechanism by which I can go back to the hon. member again. Perhaps the matter can be resolved in another way. If I allow second interventions on subjects of this sort, it may never stop.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise again on a question of privilege. My understanding of the rules is that when a point of order is raised, a member is denied a second or third intervention. However, I will not enter into that. I raise the

matter in a non-contentious way. I wish to inform the hon. gentleman who replied for the government House leader that we have checked with the office of the President of Privy Council, with distribution, and with the pipeline commission office to obtain copies—and that was as late as today—but we can obtain copies from nowhere.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, last Friday, right after the bill was tabled, when the House adjourned at one o'clock, copies of those documents were made available to the parties of the opposition.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rimouski on a point of order.

Mr. Allard: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the packages mentioned by the hon. member, he said one o'clock, but I should like to point out that at one o'clock Friday—

Mr. Pinard: No one of the Social Credit Party of Canada was there.

[English]

Mr. Paproski: All you gave us was five copies—that is all.

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[Translation]

Mr. Allard: I know, that is exactly what I wanted to say. At one o'clock the House takes recess until two o'clock so none of the hon. members were there at that time. When the hon. member distributed the packages, no one was in the House. I imagine it must have been because it was one o'clock and the House takes recess from one to two. That is my point of order. He said, that we were not in the House. We were here from eleven to one o'clock, but from one to two we, like the others, went to lunch.

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