

leading to democratic debates. He has no leadership. Mr. Speaker, I was parliamentary leader for three years myself. I knew two other parliamentary leaders before the present one and Standing Order 75C was never used for one reason: the negotiations took place. Mr. Speaker, we have the worst President of the Privy Council we have ever had. When he sees we are unable to discuss, he simply imposes his law.

Mr. Guay (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): The hon. member for Lévis on a point of order.

Mr. Guay (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, if you did not hear what the hon. member for Lotbinière said about me, I think you have just heard what he says about the President of the Privy Council, the leader in this House. Mr. Speaker, allow me to go on with my question of privilege, because I have a question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member probably did not like the words of the hon. member who has the floor but there is nothing unparliamentary in what he said.

The hon. member for Lévis on a question of privilege.

Mr. Guay (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out to the House that, on a personal question of privilege, if we blame people for talking too much, if we say we must muzzle the House, as the hon. member now seems to be trying to prove, I think he is the one who should be muzzled for all the nonsense he is saying.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): The hon. member for Lotbinière on a question of privilege.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) on a point of order.

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, I am listening very carefully to these comments. However, despite the good will showed by the hon. member for Lévis, I have the strong feeling that the hon. member for Lotbinière only spoke the truth.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, if the President of the Privy Council resorts to Standing Order 75C, it shows that there is no leadership whatsoever left in the House, and that each time a legislation must be passed, the House is muzzled.

Moreover, the President of the Privy Council clearly indicates that he has no more confidence—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The time allowed to the hon. member is over.

The hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik).

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[English]

Mr. Cafik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

Mr. Fortin: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I had precisely ten minutes under the Standing Orders of the House of Commons. The hon. member for Lévis found ways to interrupt me, biased ways to prevent me from speaking. I claim my right to speak ten minutes like anyone else.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The Chair did allow for the interventions and all things considered, the hon. member for Lotbinière was allowed his ten minutes.

I recognize the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik).

[English]

Mr. Cafik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I gather from the—

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: I am rising on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have the highest respect for the Chair and I believe that in the past the Chair has given evidence of its great familiarity with the Standing Orders of the House of Commons and I think that today's ruling by the Chair was fair.

Mr. Speaker, I spoke a while ago and said candidly what I thought. I was interrupted on exactly four occasions, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. I have already given my ruling by pointing out to the hon. member that, all facts considered, his ten minutes were up, and I stand by that.

[English]

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the third time that you have recognized me.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cafik: I think the opposition has made a very valid point in this debate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cafik: I do not think it relates to the use of 75C but I do think it is important that we get some kind of understanding that, at the committee stage, we have a very serious opportunity to deal with this highly emotional subject matter that is of importance to all the people of this country.

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Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!