

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, just to be clear on that, will Members of Parliament, if there is a briefing session held, be invited on the same terms and conditions that pertained in respect of the tax white paper when Members of Parliament were briefed?

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated that that is a matter which will be included in the discussion I will be having with the House Leaders. I shall make a decision after that discussion takes place.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask one further supplementary and direct it to the Minister of Justice. In light of the confusion, would the government consider placing a moratorium on all pending charges and trials at all court levels so that young people involved with what are characterized as soft drugs will not be punished by laws that may be changed or incarcerated in prisons while awaiting trial?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps the hon. member would like to put that question to me tomorrow.

**Mr. Woolliams:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the minister's reply.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I just wondered whether the hon. member might prefer to put that question to me tomorrow.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister of National Health and Welfare bring the House up to date concerning what caused the complete right-about-face between his speech last night and his remarks in the House today?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** My question is pretty close to the one asked by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings, but not quite.

**An hon. Member:** We know who did it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair did not recognize the question as an acceptable one. The hon. member might have a supplementary to the previous questions.

**Mr. Nowlan:** My question is supplementary to the previous line of questioning on this subject. Was the minister on pot or full of gas when he made his speech in Hamilton last night?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Later:]

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege regarding the allegations of some hon. members opposite concerning what I said last night. I never made the statement that I am alleged to have made about the report not being tabled until well into the summer.

**An hon. Member:** We heard it.

**Mr. Munro:** The source of the statement was a local radio station. They checked their tapes and agreed there was an inaccuracy.

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

**An hon. Member:** That is absolutely wrong.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Hees:** On a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that we will soon be running out of time. The hon. member may have a point of order but I suggest to hon. members that we should then go on to another subject.

**Mr. Hees:** This will be very brief, Mr. Speaker. I ask the minister: should we believe what we heard over CBC radio this morning or what he said just now?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**An hon. Member:** It was on the eight o'clock news this morning.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Hees:** Yes, I heard it on the eight o'clock CBC news.

**An hon. Member:** Everybody else was listening.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Fairweather:** This is incredible.

**Mr. Greene:** You were not quite awake, George.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**An hon. Member:** What a minister, what a cabinet!

**An hon. Member:** You are lying.