

to be heard to enlighten the Chair on this particular question of privilege.

I will, of course, take this question under advisement, taking into account the importance of the contributions that were made.

**Mr. Yurko:** On a point of privilege, my privilege is in this House.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko).

**Mr. Yurko:** Madam Speaker, I want to suggest that before this House is the personal integrity of a member—

**Madam Speaker:** Is the hon. member rising on a point of order, because I did say that I would not allow any more speakers on this particular question of privilege?

**Mr. Yurko:** Madam Speaker, I have been trying to speak on this matter for the last three-quarters of an hour and I have been popping up in my place. As the only independent member in this House, when the personal integrity of a member of this House is in question it is incumbent upon an independent member who has no affiliation with the political parties to say something. I have demanded the right to say something when the personal integrity of a member of this House is in question. I think it is a very important matter, so I demand the right to speak on the issue.

**Madam Speaker:** I do not deny that the hon. member might have a right to express himself in this House, but on this particular question, as the hon. member knows, it is left to the discretion of the Chair to determine when the Chair is sufficiently enlightened or informed on a particular question and to cut off the debate at a certain point. That is precisely what I did, use my discretion.

**Mr. Yurko:** Other people have spoken several times. Under the rules a member does have the right to speak in this House at a certain point on a matter as important as this is before this House.

**Madam Speaker:** I do not deny that right but I used my discretion. The hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) on a point of order.

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#### POINT OF ORDER

MR. McGRATH—TABLING BY MR. MacEACHEN OF LETTER TO PREMIER OF NEWFOUNDLAND

**Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Madam Speaker, it is just to clear up a matter that was raised yesterday. In our proceedings at page 17587 the Acting Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen), in replying to a question from the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr.

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Crosbie) quoted extensively, and that can be found in *Hansard*, from a letter that had been sent to the Premier of Newfoundland. Indeed, it is worth noting that he quoted from the letter before it had even been received by the Premier of Newfoundland. In any event, Madam Speaker, if you quote from a document, under our rules and I give you Beauchesne's, citation 327, if you quote from a document, it is incumbent then upon the minister who quotes from the document to lay it on the Table of the House, and I so ask.

**Madam Speaker:** I did look into that matter and it seems quite clear from *Hansard* that the hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) identified an official document and quoted from it quite extensively, twice, I believe. Therefore, I believe the document should be tabled if asked for, and the hon. member is doing just that. But the hon. minister is not in the House at the present time. Probably he will want to conform with that at some later time.

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MR. NOWLAN—NOTICE OF QUESTION TO BE RAISED

**Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) is not in the House. I have given you notice of a question of privilege that I would raise following the question of privilege that was raised today. It is not going to be as long as the one you have just heard. However, as the minister is not here, I would ask that it be stood until the minister is here. He was here for part of this debate, and it is not going to affect it. I would prefer also, as I said in my letter to you, Madam Speaker, so as to check a few of the facts regarding my blind constituent who was affronted by the Metric Commission, to have my question of privilege stood over until Tuesday when I again will see him personally.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, I have a letter here from the hon. member but it does not really constitute a notice of a question of privilege. I will read it back to him and he will understand the position. He writes:

I am writing to give you notice of my intention to raise a point of privilege, fully aware of the difficulty of proving it in terms of forming a precedent and also the wisdom of raising it today.

Then he goes on to say:

I would like to delay the formal presentation of my point of privilege until next week.

Therefore, when the hon. member feels that he wants to raise that question of privilege, he will have to give me another written notice.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.