

Privilege, Mr. Jelinek

said certain things. I rise because the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), on the basis of that kind of statement, said that the CBC had to be defended. I think that is shameful.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lewis: There is not a title of evidence that it was an employee of the CBC, and even less evidence that the CBC had anything to do with it. For the hon. member for Peace River to take this opportunity to show his prejudice against this publicly owned company is shameful.

Some hon. Members: Hear hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. By this time perhaps hon. members will agree that there was some wisdom in the suggestion of the Chair that the matter should not be pursued.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis) suggested that my conduct was shameful. I had the opportunity to hear what the hon. member who raised the question of privilege had to say. While there may be some doubt about the evidence, in my opinion he made a very strong case and I think I was entitled to say what I did.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baldwin: If these babblers over yonder want to go on record as saying that if the CBC did these things it should be defended, let them do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I seek the co-operation of hon. members. It seems to me that we are getting away from the point raised originally by the member for High Park-Humber Valley. There is now a debate over alleged conduct of the CBC. I doubt whether we should get involved in debate on this point.

Mr. Lewis: I am very sorry, Mr. Speaker, but the last words of the hon. member for Peace River are even more shameful. If there were the slightest evidence that the CBC had anything to do with this, of course I would be condemning it as much as anyone else. The hon. member had no right to say what he did.

Mr. Baldwin: I said it, and I am damned glad I did.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps we might move to the next item of business. Possibly it will be less contentious than this one.

[Mr. Lewis.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

RIGHTS OF NEWFOUNDLAND UNDER TERMS OF UNION WITH CANADA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the serious problems with respect to the transportation of goods, etc., from the Canadian mainland to the province of Newfoundland and the Minister of Transport's obvious attempt to ignore the constitutional rights of Newfoundlanders, as agreed to in the Terms of Union between Newfoundland and Canada in 1949, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Lundrigan):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to ensure that the constitutional rights of the province of Newfoundland as agreed to under Term 32 in the Terms of Union shall be upheld.

And I further move:

That this House disassociate itself from the derogatory remark made by the Minister of Transport, as cited on page 6670 of *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

IMPRISONMENT OF RONALD PATRICK LIPPERT IN CUBA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to request unanimous consent to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and I hope, in the interests of a Canadian in distress abroad, that the House will consider unanimous consent.

In view of the statement made yesterday morning in Gander, Newfoundland, by Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba that he is willing to examine the case of Canadian citizen, Ronald Patrick Lippert, imprisoned in Cuba for the past ten years, this House respectfully requests the Prime Minister of Canada to personally take up with Premier Castro the matter of possible release for Mr. Lippert as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43 this motion also requires unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.