

the purpose of this letter is to have the same effect, in other words, to serve this upon the member in like manner from what I have described previously. Therefore I claim, and I ask Madam Speaker to consider the fact, that particular letter should not have been delivered to the hon. member on Parliament Hill by the law firm in question.

Mr. Crosby: Delivered not served.

Mr. Boudria: I regret to interrupt the member for Halifax West who undoubtedly has something terribly important to tell us. However if the government maintains that everything is appropriate here, then surely it would welcome the parliamentary committee investigating this situation and reporting to the House forthwith. If not, I will be left with the conclusion that the point of the hon. minister is hard to defend.

Mr. Andre: Madam Speaker, I welcome the opportunity of having a committee of Parliament look into the slanderous and false accusations of the hon. member to see whether that is appropriate parliamentary behaviour.

Mr. Tobin: Madam Speaker, he has not tabled the letter. Table the letter. Madam Speaker, you should secure that letter. It was quoted from in this House. The minister is now running out of the House without tabling the letter. Madam Speaker should not allow the government House leader to run from Parliament, to run from the House of Commons, with the letter still in his pocket. This gives proof to my suggestion that this has been a co-ordinated attempt by people outside the House and inside the House to shut up a member of Parliament.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I have listened very carefully to what was said during Question Period and during the exchange following the hon. member raising that question of privilege. I have listened to all sides. I will, of course, take everything under advisement.

• (1210)

However two points need to be made at this time. The hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte kept asking me to force the hon. minister to table the letter. The minister can only be forced to table a state document, which is not the case at this point. I cannot force the hon. member to table a document that is not a state document. This document does not come from the Government of Canada.

Mr. Boudria: That is not in the rules. I am sorry.

Routine Proceedings

Madam Deputy Speaker: We can discuss that later on. At this point this is my decision.

Mr. Tobin: He is burning it as we speak.

Madam Deputy Speaker: We will review *Hansard*.

There is also a question about legal documents being served or delivered on the precinct without the Speaker's express permission. That is also something that causes me some concern.

The whole situation will be reviewed and I will come back to the House as soon as possible.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

AGRICULTURE

TABLING OF PROPOSALS

Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I would like to table, in both official languages, the following proposals to amend the Western Grain Transportation Act, the National Transportation Act 1987, the Canadian Wheat Board Act and the Farm Income Protection Act.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 62 petitions.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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BILL C-106

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-106, an act to amend certain petroleum-related acts in respect of Canadian ownership requirements and to confirm the validity of a certain