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11.00 o'clock, a.m.

## PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Harris, it was ordered,—That the Report of the Bank of Canada and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1955, tabled on Thursday, March 1, 1956, be referred to the *Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce*.

Mr. Drew, from his place in the House, asked leave under Standing Order 26 to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and stated the subject to be:

“The statement of the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the effect that there were no documents in the possession of the government from Frank McMahon, which was contrary to the fact, and the extent to which such incorrect statement made by the Minister misled the House as well as his colleagues in the government with regard to the existence of a possible alternative pipe line proposal for carrying gas from Alberta to Eastern Canada”.

## RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Leader of the Opposition, anyone in his party, or anyone in the House be kind enough to give me the reference in the authorities whereby a matter raised as a question of privilege can be the subject of a debate under Standing Order 26 instead of being pursued as a question of privilege in accordance with the procedure laid down for that type of matter? When a question of privilege is raised it may be the subject of a motion. It is then treated as such and takes precedence over all other matters, even