

made by his predecessor concerning the recovery of some \$300 or \$400 million for the service rendered for many years by the Quebec Police Force in lieu of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, would the Prime Minister tell the House whether or not his government will seriously consider this request in the next federal-provincial conference of justice ministers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question is hypothetical since I am not aware of any federal-provincial conference and I do not know the agenda of that hypothetical conference.

Mr. Matte: On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

In the statement he made on May 14, the Quebec Minister of Justice indicated quite clearly that he would file such a request at the next conference. Therefore, would the Prime Minister tell us if his government has received such a request from the Quebec Minister of Justice about the reimbursement of these \$300 or \$400 million and how does he intend to deal with it?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford) just told me that a federal-provincial conference is indeed scheduled but to his knowledge this item is not on the agenda. If the Minister of Justice of Quebec wants to contact us, he knows where to find us. I do not think he has to go through the Social Credit member.

Mr. Lavoie: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Hochelaga on a question of privilege.

Mr. Lavoie: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. You will recall that last week I raised that same question with respect to an incident with the Canadian National, and I must thank the Chair for having made the necessary arrangements. But yesterday, after getting some information, and since the controller involved seems to recognize his mistake and to worry about the whole thing, I should simply like to ask the Chair not to seek the excuses I asked for, because that man got his lesson and has the right to earn his living like any other citizen. Therefore, I should like to ask the Chair that that man not suffer from any retaliation. As far as I am concerned, that incident is closed.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the House will be pleased to hear of the attitude of the hon. member. I was concerned, first of all, not so much with the details of the presentation of the pass, because if a member is issued with a pass, it can scarcely be against his privilege not to be given the rights that accompany that pass if he has not got the pass with him. That was not the problem. I was more concerned about the level of service of a federal agency to either a member or any other citizen, and in fact I want to make this very clear. I was not concerned that the individual member on the CNR staff at the time was not comfortable in communicating in either the French or the English language. I intended to express concern that there

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would be nobody on the train representing the Crown corporation who could do so, and I am sure that that was not the case at the time and it was never the intention of the hon. member to convey that impression. I am pleased that the matter has been attended to by the hon. member raising it and that it is now closed.

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) on a question of privilege.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, are we now on motions? Mr. Speaker, considering that the CBC did not comment on the motion moved by Social Credit members yesterday in the House pursuant to the Standing Order governing allotted days, I think that Canadians were not properly informed and that anyhow the inquiry on the CRTC will not be fair to the Canadian public as regards the business of the House, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House do now adjourn to allow a discussion on the position and the treatment of the CBC as regards the House of Commons, particularly each opposition party in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member for Lotbinière realizes that the motion to adjourn the House is pursuant to the standing orders provided, however, the hon. member gets the floor pursuant to the standing orders and not on a question of privilege as he is now trying to do. In a moment, on motions, the hon. member will have the opportunity to put this motion forward.

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WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Today is Thursday and I wonder if the deputy House leader on the government side would like to inform the House of his intentions with respect to the legislative program to be presented by the government to the House through the course of the next week. While he is doing that, I wonder if he might consider as well designating next Tuesday and Wednesday as allotted days.

Mr. Blais: Mr. Speaker, we have no hesitation with regard to the latter portion of the hon. member's request. Indeed, the government was ready to designate next Tuesday and Wednesday as opposition days.

First of all I would like to thank hon. members for their co-operation as it seems that the legislative program is proceeding apace. We hope to terminate third reading of Bill C-25 this afternoon. We will then proceed to consideration of Bill C-3, the deposit insurance bill; then go on to Bill C-8, the Satisfied Securities Act; then Bill C-12, the tax conventions, and if we have time, and with the continued co-operation of