

point where I believe he was going to ask the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) to withdraw the accusation.

An hon. Member: So what?

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker has ruled. The Speaker is just a nobody, right, Pierre?

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I am afraid we will not be able to get through this particular part of the deliberations if hon. members do not co-operate and stop heckling. Otherwise we will not be able to determine who has a point of order and who has not.

● (1510)

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition clearly in this House imputed to the Minister of Justice the motive that he was going to hide information communicated to him in a way which was contrary to his duties as a Minister of Justice. I believe the Minister of Justice had a right to make this point to you, Madam Speaker. I submit that the Minister of Justice may have been a bit roundabout in making that point, but surely he has a right in this House to ask the Leader of the Opposition to withdraw that allegation, as I think he should.

Madam Speaker: I would like everyone to know what is going on. The Minister of Justice did not have a question of privilege. The Prime Minister rose on a point of order. I listened to that point of order. There was no question of privilege. He obviously—

Mr. Chrétien: I did not finish, Madam Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: He obviously gave an explanation for some of his actions. That is usually accepted by the House. It seems that point has been made.

Mr. Chrétien: On a point of order—

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Chrétien: I am not abusing the rules of this House.

Madam Speaker: Order.

Mr. Chrétien: I won't give up.

Madam Speaker: Order. The minister did not have the floor, but I distinctly heard what he said. I have interrupted other members in this chamber—

Mr. Crosbie: You sure have.

Madam Speaker:—even though they said they still needed time to make their question of privilege. As soon as the Chair finds there is no question of privilege, that it is a continuation of a debate or expressing a grievance of some kind, the Chair sometimes interrupts. That is what I have done in the case of the minister.

Business of the House

Mr. Crosbie: Apologize.

Mr. Stevens: Apologize.

Madam Speaker: The treatment is no different, I hope. I like to be fair. I hope I have not treated the minister differently from other members.

Some hon. Members: No, no.

Madam Speaker: I have to tell the minister that he does not have a question of privilege. I listened to the Prime Minister's point of order. The point was made, the explanation was given, and the House usually accepts explanations given by members.

Mr. Crosbie: Now you know how we feel.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): A perfectly supportable decision, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members are not supposed to comment on decisions by the Chair.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I will comment no further, Madam Speaker.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the government House leader the business he intends to call today and tomorrow. I understand it is his intention to designate two allotted days next week. If he could do that, I would be grateful. Also, could he indicate the government's intention with respect to the business for next week.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, tomorrow we will be resuming debate on the second reading stage of three bills, hopefully. The first is Bill C-58, the Canada Elections Act, then Bill C-12, the Bankruptcy Act, followed by S-6, the Two-Price Wheat Act.

[*Translation*]

Monday and Thursday of next week will be two opposition days. On Tuesday and Wednesday we will continue the debate on Bill C-57 to amend the Excise Tax Act.

[*English*]

Mr. Knowles: Madam Speaker, may I ask the government House leader whether the promised legislation in the name of the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs has yet had cabinet approval and whether it will soon be on the order paper. I refer to legislation to correct certain omissions in last summer's Bill C-40 having to do with the widows of disabled veterans and