

*Speaker's Ruling*

That is a breach of my privilege as a member of this House, as well as a breach of the privileges of other members.

I would ask you to review this matter, Mr. Speaker, and to rule on it.

**Mr. David Barrett (Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca):** Mr. Speaker, Subsequent to the comments by the hon. member, I would ask that my request concerning a question of privilege be withdrawn. It was one which I issued last week.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the hon. member for that intervention.

The hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby has raised a question of privilege. I understand no one else is rising on it. I will take the matter under advisement and report back to the House.

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**POINT OF ORDER****REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DOCUMENT**

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, during Question Period today the Minister of Veterans Affairs quoted from a document in his hand, a document which I believe was a communication from the president of War Amputations of Canada.

I would ask that following the normal processes of this House the minister be asked to table that document so that it will become a matter of public record.

• (1510)

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan has raised a point with respect to a letter which the hon. minister was reading. Perhaps I was too hasty, but I interrupted the hon. minister with the suggestion, I think, that rather than read it, it could be sent across to the hon. member who had asked the question.

In any event, I understand that the minister is more than prepared to table the letter. I will accept that, of course.

**Mr. Angus:** Mr. Speaker, I have just been advised that also during Question Period the minister responsible for housing quoted from a document, a letter from the United Way, and I ask that that be tabled as well.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps colleagues on the government side could take that request. If necessary, the hon. member can raise it again with the Chair.

The hon. member for Halifax is rising, I think, on a question of privilege.

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**PRIVILEGE****COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD**

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege relating to an exchange and a response from the Minister of Finance during Question Period.

In responding to my supplementary question, the minister suggested and insinuated that I was laughing at the extremely serious situation relating to violence against women in this country.

This is not the first time that the hon. minister has so characterized members on this side of the House, myself among others, particularly when we have not had the opportunity of responding when it is indeed a supplementary question.

I think this is an extremely serious matter, particularly given the exigencies of television coverage in this House and the fact that our responses cannot be seen. I feel my privileges have been breached. I would ask that you, Mr. Speaker, review this matter.

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I take the point my hon. friend raises. I would ask that if you, Sir, are prepared to do that, that you also examine the record. You will find that the member who makes the complaint suggested immediately thereafter that the Prime Minister was laughing.

**Ms. Clancy:** He was.

**SPEAKER'S RULING**

**Mr. Speaker:** I think that the point raised by the hon. member for Halifax illustrates a problem in this Chamber that we have sometimes, not all the time.

I may be able to review both *Hansard* and/or the tapes. If the minister was on his feet, with the television coverage which we have in this place there is no way for me to be able to use that to assist in seeing whatever the hon. member was doing. I will not be able to do that.