

A little later he went on to say:

I have always been a Canadian. I think it is a good country and the Tories can flirt with separatism, their members can be converted, and they can send well-known Tories to stir up a separatist meeting for Knutson out in Saskatchewan—that's okay with me. I am a Canadian, and I will stay that way.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I do have to interrupt the hon. member now because I know what the basis of his question of privilege is, namely, a statement made in the other House. I must remind him of citation 314 in *Beauchesne*, which reads as follows:

The rule that allusions to debates in the other House of the current session are out of order, prevents fruitless arguments between members of two distinct bodies who are unable to reply to each other, and guards against recrimination and offensive language in the absence of the party assailed; but it is mainly founded upon the understanding that the debates of the other House are not known.

The other House obviously has rules to deal with its own questions of privilege. Therefore, those questions arising out of debates in that House should be dealt with there. I do not feel that I can hear the hon. member's question of privilege on the basis of this quotation and of those rules.

Mr. Neil: Madam Speaker, through no fault of ours the government has chosen to name ministers who sit in the other place. It seems to me that under these circumstances we have no redress with respect to any comment that they make.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member does have redress and if he has a question to ask in the House about matters relating to the responsibilities of ministers who sit in the other House, even though there are ministers sitting in the other House, this is not a precedent. This procedure has taken place before. The rules provide well for any problems arising from this kind of a situation and that, too, is not an argument.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I have had an opportunity of considering the response of the government House leader to my questions concerning House practices and House business. In his absence I would ask his parliamentary secretary to convey to the government House leader that if he were to call a House leaders' meeting as he suggested, then he would find both myself and the hon. member for Winnipeg-North Centre in agreement and that that House leaders' meeting, we suggest, should be held tomorrow so that discussions at that meeting can be discussed in our weekly caucus. In summary, we would like that House leaders' meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Collenette: Madam Speaker, I will take those representations and convey them to the President of the Privy Council. I am somewhat surprised, as perhaps the President of the Privy Council will be, that this surfaced on the floor of the House today since our position was well known since last October when we had discussions. I would think that perhaps this occurred in the absence of the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton, and perhaps the hon. member for Yukon was not fully

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aware of the discussions that had been held. Nevertheless, I am sure that we can sort out the matter. Indeed we must, before the end of the week.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I was here throughout that whole debate. What was said during that debate about the manner in which this resolution is to be handled at report stage and at third reading is the reason that I am afraid of the practices which the government is possibly going to adopt and that is precisely why I would like a House leaders' meeting tomorrow.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,712, 1,725, 1,742, 1,820 and 1,906.

[Text]

IMMIGRATION FROM BRITISH ISLES AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Question No. 1,712—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. For each year 1975 to 1979, what was the annual quota for (a) immigration (b) immigrants from the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland?

2. For the same years, how many applications for landed immigrant status were made by applicants from the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland and how many were (a) accepted (b) rejected at the interview stage or any succeeding stage of processing?

3. For the same years, what was the total number of landed immigrants from the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. There was no annual quota set either for immigration or for immigrants from the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland.

2. Applications for landed immigrant (permanent resident) status:

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
British Isles	29,024	19,775	15,651	9,412	12,409
Republic of Ireland	1,334	635	540	519	625
	30,358	20,410	16,191	9,931	13,034

(a) Applications Approved:

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
British Isles	11,625	9,279	7,424	5,632	8,345
Republic of Ireland	527	398	343	270	446