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government \$1.2 billion to cover the increase in the deficit resulting from last week's interest rate rise, \$350 million for RRSP top-ups for the very wealthy, those making over \$86,000 a year. There were ways to cut the budget without hitting ordinary people and without threatening the very future of this country.

My leader has identified what is really wrong with this budget. We must emphasize the budget because the Estimates do not tell us a heck of a lot that is not in the budget. My leader has pointed out the real serious problem and it is the threat to the future of this country, not only in economic terms but in social terms. The civilized fabric of this country is being attacked by this government. Yet we ask why is there so much evidence of dissatisfaction and conflict in this country? It is because of this government's budget as reflected in the Estimates. I promise you, Madam Speaker, that if you are to preside over a future House it will be with a much diminished number of Progressive Conservatives.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Hon. Member of Westminster—Burnaby on a point of order.

**Ms. Black:** Madam Speaker, my colleague from Windsor—St. Clair spoke very eloquently about what happened in the lock-up this morning.

I rise on a point of privilege about what happened in the lock-up this morning. I was in there for an hour and one-half. We got no information on the program cuts. I was in there for an hour and one-half. I asked specific questions about the cuts to women's programming. I asked specific questions about the cuts to—

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I am sorry, I will have to interrupt the hon. member. The hon. member is describing something that did not happen in the House. It did not arise from debate this morning. Henceforth, the hon. member would have to give notice to the Chair of her point of privilege stating what it is about. I cannot entertain at this point in time the hon. member's point of privilege. It did not happen in this House and did not arise from debate this morning.

**Mr. Angus:** Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that the hon. member gave you notice of her intention to rise on a question of privilege. It is not my understanding that it is normal practice to provide the details.

I have been privy to the information that the member wishes to raise and I can say categorically it is impacted by the tabling of the Estimates in this House today, the Estimates which are incomplete in the sense of Part III, and which the Speaker will be reviewing. The member's point is separate with regard to her ability as a member of Parliament to properly advise her constituents. That is the matter which she wishes to raise.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** It is the opinion of the Chair that to raise this question of privilege would require at least an hour's notice, and the letter or note sent to the Chair, should contain at least some indication of the manner in which the hon. member considers her privileges have been breached.

I don't think the note I received a few minutes ago is sufficient reason to interrupt the proceedings for a question of privilege on something that happened outside the House.

If the hon. member would care to send the Chair a more detailed note, she could raise this question of privilege after Oral Question Period.

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****BILL C-48—TABLING OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-48, an Act to amend the Crop Insurance Act, with amendments.

[*Editor's Note: For above report see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[*English*]

**FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS ACT, 1989****MEASURE TO ENACT**

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-290, an act respecting fiscal arrangements between the federal government and the provinces.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?