

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, September 24, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

[Translation]

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PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF VICTOR BODSON,
PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FRENCH-SPEAKING PARLIAMENTARIANS

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I call the attention of the House to the presence, in the Speaker's gallery, of a distinguished visitor, Mr. Victor Bodson, President of the International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians.

Mr. Bodson has come to Canada, upon an invitation from the Canadian Parliament, in order to chair the General Assembly of the Association which, this year, is taking place in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. Mr. Bodson's presence here is an honour for us. On behalf of all hon. members, I extend to him and to Mrs. Bodson a most cordial welcome.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[English]

PRIVILEGE

MR. OLSON—WORDS USED IN DEBATE BY MEMBER FOR
MACKENZIE

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I would like to draw your attention to *Hansard*, page 8127, the righthand column, where the hon. member for Mackenzie is reported as having said while I had the floor: "You are a damn liar and a crook." I did not hear the hon. member say that or I would have raised the matter immediately. However, the remark is reported in *Hansard*. I am not sure of the procedure, but perhaps I should give notice that I wish to raise this question and ask the hon. member to withdraw those words when he is in the House. He is not here now.

Mr. Speaker: The minister is, of course, doing the right thing in raising the matter at this time. I am sure that the hon. member concerned would want to withdraw the remarks which unfortunately got on the record in *Hansard*. I am sure that all hon. members will agree that words of this kind are unparliamentary and no hon. member, even in the heat of debate, would want to be reported as having said them. For the moment, however, the matter will not be pursued further.

MR. CAFIK—STATEMENT MADE BY MEMBER FOR YORK
SOUTH

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have given notice to you under Standing Order 17(2) of my

intention to raise a question of privilege today arising from a statement made by the hon. member for York South yesterday. In view of the fact that the hon. member for York South is not present in the chamber this morning—I found out he would not be here after I had given notice of my intention to raise this matter today—I should like to ask your permission to defer this question of privilege until such time as the hon. member is present.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

On the order: Motions:

September 10, 1971—Mr. Howe:

That the second report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, presented to the House, Wednesday, April 7, 1971, be concurred in.

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that discussions are continuing with regard to this motion, I would ask that it be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

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FINANCE

SMALL BUSINESS AND FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT
LOANS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE
MOTION UNDER S.O 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 in a case of urgent necessity.

The latest reports concerning small business loans and fisheries improvement loans reflect a dereliction of the duty of Canadian banks to support the government by injecting impetus into the small business sector of the Canadian economy. In spite of the extra effort required of Canadian banks to increase this support, the figures disclosed indicate a reduction in the number of loans granted and in the amounts granted. Further indications are that Canadian banks are steering applicants away from government guaranteed loans at preferred rates of interest in order to take advantage of the higher conventional bank rates.