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where all sorts of things were included, as the right hon. member for Prince Albert has pointed out, that were not included before.

If the statements of the minister on Wednesday last are correct then I submit that in these statements there is a case of privilege involved by virtue of the fact that there is only one possible conclusion to be drawn, namely, that the government has been hiding legitimate information from the members of this House as to the true nature of this police group and that the government, without the knowledge and without the consent of the people of Canada through their elected representatives in this House, has subverted the RCMP, which has been the incorruptible symbol of Canada throughout the world, and has placed certain functions which everybody believed were functions of the RCMP, without the knowledge of the members of this House, in the hands of a group totally unauthorized by this House to perform such functions.

I submit, as one final submission to the House, that what is certainly an affront to and a breach of the privileges of this House is that there is the possibility that the government has been creating, unannounced and behind the scenes, some monstrous form of political police snooper that is a threat to the democratic principles of this country.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Cossitt:** What is the Police and Security Planning and Analysis Group? What kind of a dictatorial horror has been manufactured by the government—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Bell:** It is another Watergate scandal.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the right hon. Prime Minister was seeking the floor a moment ago to reply to the right hon. member for Prince Albert. Although the time allotted for the question period has expired, I think that after that I should still recognize the hon. member for Scarborough West.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I realize that the question is an important one, and it is because of that I suggested that, if hon. members had given notice of the question, as we give them notice, Sir, of statements we are going to make on motions, I perhaps would have been able to answer it.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Doesn't the Prime Minister know what is going on in security?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I do know one thing that is going on. It is that the Conservative party is deliberately trying to prevent the House from working.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Scarborough West.

**Mr. Bell:** Bring on the taxation bills.

**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

[Mr. Cossitt.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member should resume his seat. It is elementary, when the Chair has the floor, that hon. members should resume their seats. The hon. member for Leeds indicates that he wants to rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, I consider it is a legitimate question of privilege when a member of this party raises a matter of concern to all Canadians, a matter of a very serious nature, and the Prime Minister makes some remark about the Conservative party as a way of passing it off. I think it is a matter of privilege when questions are asked in this House by a member and the Prime Minister passes them off by arrogance or by red herrings.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will not say what is going through my mind at the present time regarding this alleged question period. I recognize the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond on a point of order.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** I am listening to the hon. member. Perhaps he might proceed.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** The point of order arises from the last answer given by the Prime Minister. As you know, Mr. Speaker, questions are often ruled out of order, but the answer by the Prime Minister on this occasion imputes motives to the members of the Conservative party simply because they asked under what authority certain matters had been done and certain information sought. He thereby violated a rule of the House and he should be called to order for an improper answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Scarborough West.

**Mr. Lawrence:** I rise on a point of order.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member rises on a point of order.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Mr. Speaker, my point of privilege is this: I am a member, and proud of it, of the Conservative party in this House. There has been a claim in the House, by the leader of the government in the House, that those of us who belong to the Conservative party unduly delay the work of the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lawrence:** I personally, Sir, bitterly resent that.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lawrence:** I think that is a reflection on the way in which I carry out my responsibilities.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lawrence:** I think there has been a great deal of delay in the House in respect of the business of the people