

Point of Order—Mr. Murphy

seriousness of the issue has been pointed out. For the Parliamentary Secretary to be nit-picking as he is at the present time is not helpful to the process. I believe he has been a Member of the House for the same number of years as, and perhaps a year or two longer considering his advanced years, but he does know the history of this and I do not believe—

Mr. Speaker: Order. At the risk of making any Hon. Member feel that we are closing off this debate prematurely, I will nonetheless advise the House that I think I have heard all the points made. Of course, as we know, Hon. Members are skilful in debate and all points that could be made for one side or the other are brought to the attention of the Chair. I am sure that was all the Parliamentary Secretary was doing. On the other hand, I must say that I am persuaded that the Chair has not been put in a position, as a consequence of anything the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) said or did not say, of not being able to deal with the matter.

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POINT OF ORDER

REQUEST FOR THE TABLING OF QUOTED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I rise on another point of order. During the course of Question Period, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) did again quote from a document which he has not tabled in the House. In this case I am referring to a letter, from which he read at least one sentence, from the Minister of Corporate and Consumer Affairs of the Province of Ontario. I believe his name is Monte Kwinter. I believe it would be very important for the House and certainly within the rules and traditions of the House that the letter in its entirety be tabled at this time.

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would certainly be pleased to do that. I will have to get a copy of it, but if we can assume that I am tabling it I will give it to the Clerk as soon as I can return after picking up a copy.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, on a similar and related point, during debate on the Question of Privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) the Minister again brought in a document of which he had possession but which was not in the possession of other Members of the House. I believe this was a transcript of the CBC program *The Journal* which was broadcast last Tuesday. Again, without taking too much of the time of the House, I would point out that that document should be tabled in the House and I think it would be very important, particularly in light of the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap. However, the Minister is not here to respond—

Mr. Speaker: I think I should advise Hon. Members that the Minister had to leave the Chamber momentarily. I see the

Minister returning. Perhaps he can respond to the point made by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy).

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I have been trying to get all of the facts before the House. I am being prevented from doing so by specious points of order and questions of privilege. I would be delighted to table anything and everything I can.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have just heard words that I cannot believe. The Minister told me about half an hour ago that he could not tell me about the costs and prices of drugs because he wanted to discuss, reveal and explain the matter in committee. The Minister cannot have it both ways. He should tell us now and he should not tell us that he has told us everything.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member has a point. It is not a point of order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) and pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), I rise to table in both official languages the comprehensive Government response to the First Report of the Standing Committee on Human Rights concerning sanctions against South Africa and aid to front-line states.

I move, seconded by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre):

That the House now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in reference to the motion that has just been introduced by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski). I had submitted a Notice of Motion asking for an emergency debate and I think the two motions are in contrary order. I think it would be proper for the House to give me the courtesy of at least having the opportunity of presenting the Notice of Motion.

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) that the Chair is bound to deal with the motion of the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) now. I can advise Hon. Members that I received notice of an application made by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry under Standing Order 29 for an emergency debate with respect to the discussion that has been in the public domain relating to Canadian and U.S. discussions and disputes over softwood lumber. I know that this is a matter of importance to all Hon. Members, but I cannot deal with it