

wish to raise with the House. That co-operation is continuing at the moment and we may be able to complete the matter this afternoon. I would ask that I be able to defer raising this point of privilege until we have a chance to see if the government has been able to complete its work.

Mr. Speaker: I will take that into account. The hon. member may want to raise it again with me.

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PRIVILEGE

COMMENT DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, I rise with respect to the question of the member for Winnipeg North Centre yesterday in which he impugned the motivation of the Prime Minister in signing the UN Convention on the Child, the member misled the House when he stated that the Prime Minister had pre-empted the report so that he could have a photo opportunity.

I want the House to know that I decided last Tuesday morning, in conjunction with the standing committee, to table the report this morning because I felt it would be the best time. There has been absolutely no contact with the PMO. At no time did I plan to table the report on Wednesday, with the proviso that if the House did not sit on Thursday I might have tabled it on Wednesday.

Mr. Speaker: We probably got pretty close to debate.

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POINTS OF ORDER

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 31

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order arising out of statements today. The member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell provided information to the House that was not correct. Perhaps he can check the “blues” and find that wherever he said “NDP in Ontario” he really meant “Liberal” and where he said “Bob Rae” he really meant “David Peterson”, the premier who passed that particular act.

Mr. Speaker: The Speaker’s generosity is related to the fact that it is Christmastime.

Points of Order

COMMENTS IN CHAMBER

Mr. Paul Martin (LaSalle—Émard): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in an exchange with the Minister of the Environment I made a reference to the little hacks around the minister. That was a poor choice of words.

First, it is not true. I know a number of the people involved and they are highly qualified and very dedicated.

Second, as my own staff pointed out to me quite frostily on my return to my office, when mistakes are made they are not made by staff, they are made by ministers or, in this particular case, by the opposition critic for the environment.

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for the remark he made today and the generosity and the spirit in which he made it. He is quite correct in the sense that the people who work with all members around this House are usually very competent and very dedicated.

May I say on my own personal behalf that the big hack was not offended.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my point arises because the good feelings being exhibited in the House right now might mean that we adjourn slightly earlier than the intended hour this evening.

As all members know, the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny Of Regulations has the responsibility to scrutinize delegated legislation on behalf of all parliamentarians.

I want to draw the attention of the House to the fact that for only the second time an order for revocation of a regulation is before this House. According to the reference in the Order Paper, the third report of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Regulations will be deemed to be adopted at six o’clock p.m. this day. This report includes an order for the revocation of certain sections of the Indian health regulations which have been found to be *ultra vires*.

My point of order is to seek clarification and assurance from the House that this order will still be deemed accepted should the House adjourn earlier than the hour referred to in the Order Paper.