

complete withdrawal of financial barriers and degrees of extra billing in Ontario.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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PRIVILEGE

MR. ROBINSON (BURNABY)—DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY—
STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. KAPLAN

Madam Speaker: I would like to give my decision now on a question of privilege which was raised on Monday by the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson). The hon. member's question of privilege was based on allegations of misleading information being offered to the House and to one of its committees by the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan).

It seems most appropriate that of the three hon. members who also spoke, two were former solicitors general, that is, the member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand) and the member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence). I am grateful for their contribution to the debate.

While the substance of the matter is of very grave importance, that is to say, the treatment of penitentiary prisoners, I must be guided by the practices and procedures of the House. Allegations of misleading the House affect order in the House rather than the privileges of members, or contempt. However, where an hon. member alleges that the misleading is done deliberately, the member must really "charge" the other member with that offence, because to allege that one hon. member deliberately misled another is, of course, quite unparliamentary. There is no suggestion that the House was deliberately misled in this case.

I suggest what we have before the House in this matter is the following: First, the Solicitor General made statements in the House and in one of its committees regarding certain events which occurred in Dorchester Penitentiary. Second, there was a departmental report relating to these same events. Third, the hon. member for Burnaby alleges that in light of, or in his interpretation of that report the Solicitor General misled the House. Fourth, the Solicitor General denies that he misled the House or one of its committees and he states that his construction of that same report does not lead to that conclusion.

Quite obviously this is really a dispute about facts involved in the unfortunate events in Dorchester Penitentiary, and the interpretation of a report based on these events. It is a matter of order or debate. Certainly, on its face it is not a question of privilege, nor, as a matter of fact, is there a valid point of order.

MR. FRIESEN—RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO RAISE POSSIBLE
QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, the hon. member who created the situation which has made me rise to speak to a question of privilege is

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not here today. I would prefer to wait until that hon. member is here.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. WHELAN—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would not want to leave the House with lack of information. When the hon. member for Perth (Mr. Jarvis) asked me a question, I forgot about the \$67 million which was given for drought assistance in the west.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS

Third report of Special Committee on North-South Relations—Mr. Breau (Gloucester).

[Editor's Note: For text of the above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TAX EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

TABLING OF DOCUMENT

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State, Finance): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I would like to table a report entitled "Tax Expenditure Account".

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WAYS AND MEANS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State, Finance): Madam Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 60(1), I am tabling a notice of ways and means motion respecting taxation of oil revenues.