

*Privilege—Mr. Atkey*

that may be adduced or any finding to which you may come that if I engaged in language that was not parliamentary or indeed if I said something that caused undue offence to the hon. member, I withdraw those remarks without any qualification and express my apology to him.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure that the House, as always, accepts the unqualified and generous withdrawal of the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) as exemplary under any circumstances. Certainly it happily lays to rest any possibility of any such tension or grievance in respect of the language used today. I am sure the House welcomes the action of the right hon. Prime Minister.

The hon. Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Atkey) on a question of privilege.

MR. ATKEY—REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL OF REMARK OF HON. MEMBER FOR SPADINA

**Hon. Ron Atkey (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I very much regret rising on this question of privilege but before the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Stollery) leaves the House, I want to raise a matter of privilege which I think is an offence to my privilege and that of all members of this House.

The hon. member for Spadina made a reference to "Shylock interest rates". That, Mr. Speaker, in my submission, is an anti-semitic remark. It offends my sensitivities and my privileges. It is a term which has been adjudged in history, in literature and in contemporary terms an improper remark.

In keeping with the spirit of withdrawal by the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Clark), I think the hon. member for Spadina might seriously consider the implications of his remark and a withdrawal may well be in order.

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, certainly in the spirit of co-operation I would withdraw the word "Shylock" if it would give offence to any people and substitute the words "loan shark". I hope that will satisfy the hon. member for St. Paul's (Mr. Atkey). "Loan shark" should go into the spot in *Hansard* and "Shylock" taken out, and I apologize if I offended.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I do not know if this kind of excessive generosity is going to continue for very long but it certainly suits me.

[Mr. Clark.]

[Translation]

## NARCOTICS

REQUEST THAT POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA BE  
DECriminalIZED—EXPLANATION OF ANSWER DURING  
QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I answered a question put to me by the hon. member for Jonquière (Mr. Marceau). He asked whether the government was considering measures on marijuana and the ombudsman. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I did not hear his question on the ombudsman and my answer addressed only his question on marijuana. Immediately after question period I explained my error to my colleague the hon. member for Jonquière, but I would like today to indicate to the House that the government has no intention at this point to introduce legislation on the ombudsman in the near future.

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[English]

## RAILWAYS

CONTINUATION OF RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

**Hon. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, it was my intention to present a petition to the House calling for the continuation of the rail passenger service between Capreol and Winnipeg, but in view of the announcement made yesterday by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski)—for which I thank him—that the service will be continued for another six months, I am not now going to present the petition.

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I appreciate the very kind words of the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid). I should also say that I appreciated the representations that came from him and from the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Penner) as well as the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez). I am sure that the announcement will be greeted with a great amount of enthusiasm and will alleviate a number of potential problems that would have been faced by northern residents if the service had been implemented as originally planned.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

## NORTHERN AFFAIRS

TABLING OF REPORT OF NORTHERN MINERAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing