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discussion in the House, with the object of swinging an opinion to one side or the other, is out of order.'

The Chair, therefore, declares that the point of order raised by the hon. member is well founded.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, contrary to the claims of the Conservatives a minute ago that I endorsed the statements contained in today's *Toronto Star*, this does not mean that I endorse them.

Every day in the house, we hear newspaper reports and comments read by hon. members who do not necessarily share the views expressed.

The same thing has happened several times to the hon. member for the Yukon. It did not mean that he endorsed them—

[English]

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Nugent: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, the hon. member is commenting now on the ruling which the Chair has made. He is criticizing that ruling, and I think he is out of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I am not in the least questioning your ruling. I am speaking of what is happening in the house, continuously and daily, according to the tradition of the house.

We have known for 25 years the orders Mr. Speaker has just read. Yet, do all members always abide by those rules?

We are never supposed to read in the house articles from the outside, but we use them every day.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Brand: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the hon. member for Villeneuve is still criticizing the decision of the Chair, and I think he should be restrained from carrying on in this manner.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, it is a very simple matter. The question is whether, in fact, Miss Gerda Munsinger was located in Munich, Germany, this afternoon. In Canada, we called her Olga, as the newspapermen did, and we wonder if it is true that she is actually alive. According to the *Toronto Star*—

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

[English]

Mr. Churchill: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker; the hon. member is now referring to a woman by the name of Munsinger. The Minister of Justice told us she was dead, so this story must obviously be false. Are we to be subjected to these false stories being read into the record? The Minister of Justice told us that the woman he named during his press conference was dead. She has now been revived or resurrected by the hon. member for Villeneuve. Obviously the story he is relying on cannot be true because we have to accept the statement of the Minister of Justice, speaking as a minister of the Crown and presumably with the approval of his colleagues in cabinet. What kind of nonsense is this we are hearing about some woman who does not exist?

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what we want to know, and here I quote—

[English]

The *Star* says it has located the Munsinger—

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, the *Star* reports—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I have already advised the hon. member for Villeneuve that he would be out of order in quoting from a newspaper article reflecting on a proceeding in the house. I should point out to the hon. member that I have not said he would be out of order if he read from a newspaper or an article, but that reading from an article reflecting on any procedure in the house is out of order. I suggest to the hon. member that he is now doing just that.

● (3:50 p.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette) is not allowed to quote from newspaper articles, how come the question of privilege was raised on the basis of newspaper reports?

The hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Harkness) and the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill), as well as the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), did quote newspaper articles on a question of privilege.