

Mr. Nielsen: The jackasses are all over there. Long before I did, the Prime Minister called them braying donkeys.

We will undertake to give the Chair proper notice tomorrow supported by a substantive motion, but I suggest it would be a gross misinterpretation of our rules to come to a pre-judgment and to require the hon. member for St. John's West to withdraw the very substance of that notice and of that motion before he even has an opportunity to present it to the Chair for discussion by hon. members in the House.

Madam Speaker: No, I am not pre-judging the matter at all. I am only asking the hon. member for St. John's West to withdraw the unparliamentary language he has used in the House. That is precisely the reason we need a motion, so that everyone will know exactly what the minister is being accused of and charged with. That can be done by way of a substantive motion which the hon. member might bring on at a later date, but an unparliamentary expression has been uttered in this House, and I cannot allow the business to proceed without its having been withdrawn. I am sure the hon. member will understand that and that he will withdraw those words for the time being, on the understanding that he may maintain that, if he wishes, in a formal charge on another occasion.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, to require that is to require the hon. member for St. John's West to admit that the expression he used was untrue. That is not the case. If the words used were untrue, I am sure the hon. member for St. John's West would withdraw them, but we on this side of the House maintain that they were not untrue, and if the Chair insists on following this course, my only advice to the hon. member for St. John's West is to stick by his words, and we will confront the Chair and the House tomorrow with a substantive motion and proper notice of a question of privilege on this very, very serious matter of the Minister of Justice's deliberately misleading the House by his answers yesterday.

Madam Speaker: I certainly cannot—neither can any other hon. member in the House at the present time—judge whether these accusations are true or untrue, taking into account the way this situation developed.

Mr. Nielsen: That is right.

Madam Speaker: The precise reason we need a motion is so that the whole question can be debated. However, those unparliamentary words cannot be uttered in the course of exposing a question of privilege, and I am afraid I must ask the hon. member for St. John's West to withdraw those words, without prejudice to whatever subsequent procedure he might want to follow.

Mr. Crosbie: Madam Speaker, I naturally wish to cooperate with the Chair, but I am not going to lend myself to any pretence that we have not been deliberately deceived. I have had enough of it, and so have all hon. members on this side of the House. We have had enough of members of the cabinet deceiving us.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Privilege—Mr. Crosbie

Mr. Crosbie: We have had enough of half-truths and evasions. Yesterday there was a deliberate and serious black and white deception of this House as to what was to happen on the offshore mineral issue. The minister flew to St. John's. His plane was ready and waiting for him after he misled this House. No way will I withdraw, not for one second.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

● (1520)

Madam Speaker: In that case I have no choice but to name the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie).

Some hon. Members: Shame.

[Translation]

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, in the circumstances, our parliamentary practice leaves me no choice. It is my duty to move:

That the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of this day's sitting.

[English]

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Madam Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Madam Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.
And more than five members having risen:

Madam Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Pinard) which was agreed to on the following division:

● (1530)

(Division No. 178)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allmand	Caccia	Corriveau
Appoloni	Campbell	Cosgrove
(Mrs.)	(Miss)	Côté (Mrs.)
Bégin (Miss)	(South West Nova)	Cousineau
Berger	Campbell	Cullen
Blaker	(LaSalle)	Cyr
Bloomfield	Campbell	Dawson
Bockstaël	(Cardigan)	de Corneille
Bossy	Chénier	Demers
Breau	Collenette	Deniger
Burghardt	Comtois	Desmarais
Bussières	Corbin	Dingwall