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I am not opposing the actions of Members of Parliament from the Government side simply for the sake of opposition. I am getting pretty sick and tired of a situation which causes individual Canadians to ask themselves and me about the level of debate in the House of Commons. They have suggested that all Members of Parliament have taken on the characteristics that are attributed to some Members of Parliament who spoke in this afternoon's debate. We help neither the institution nor our colleagues when Members of Parliament are pretending to be jurors. They are asking for documents that it has been agreed would be supplied and then they are taking a back-handed slash at individuals while a Member of Parliament is involved in a lawsuit.

Once again, I wish to flag the double standard that seems to be coming from two Members of the Government side. It is simply intolerable. We would not have objected to having the documents tabled. That exercise would have taken less than five minutes, and the Hon. Member could have sat down after that. However, he proceeded to make allegations of criminal activity and to slander individual Canadians before a court of law has been able to make a judgment. That is intolerable and that is why we chose to rise in our places to try to set the record straight.

We wish to tell Canadians that we in the Liberal Party have no hang-ups over freeing information. We do have our problems with individual Members of Parliament who, rather

than having the courage to face those Canadians with their allegations, use their immunity to debate the allegations when other Canadians do not have the same recourse. It does not show integrity and it does not show courage. Canadians will measure that individual accordingly.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on the motion of the Hon. Member for Cariboo—Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion (Mr. Greenaway) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Because the Government House Leader has announced the Business of Supply for Monday and Tuesday next, I have instructed the Table, as the Chair has done on all the previous occasions, to drop the two items of Private Members' Business scheduled for those days to the bottom of the list of the order of precedence on the Order Paper.

This House stands adjourned until Monday at 11 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.