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and the committee report was unanimously approved? If he agrees, I shall read him the minutes of the proceedings of the committee. He knows nothing about agriculture and was not on the committee. He could—

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might like to do that when he speaks in the debate, but I hardly think that is a point of order.

[Translation]

Mr. Godin: Mr. Speaker, I am the eldest of a family of ten children and my father was a farmer. I, myself, was a farmer for many years before I became a co-operative manager. As for the famous Committee on Agriculture, I do not want the hon. member for Richelieu to call to witness my friends of the Ralliement Cr ditiste in this matter. He knows very well that each time amendments were moved by members of the Ralliement Cr ditiste, they were defeated when put to a vote. The report of the Committee on Agriculture is not unanimous and I should not want anyone to cite it as an example.

I continue, Mr. Speaker.

Incidentally, it is always the same thing over and over again. Every time someone—

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Trois-Rivi res (Mr. Mongrain) on a question of privilege.

Mr. Mongrain: Mr. Speaker, I am a little mixed up. I listened to what my colleague said, which was that the report had been voted on unanimously, but the hon. member now tells me it was not voted on unanimously.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, since my hon. friend of the Ralliement Cr dististe does not understand English—because he never did go to the trouble of learning it—I shall reply in French, if I may.

As a rule, I abide by the Standing Orders which stipulate that a member must accept the word of another member in the House.

My colleague from Richelieu (Mr. C t ) has just told me that the third item of the Agriculture Committee report was unanimously adopted, but the member for Portneuf claims it was not. I should like to know who is right, because I feel I am entitled to know as a member.

[Mr. C t  (Richelieu).]

Mr. Andr  Fortin (Lotbini re): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

I consider that the hon. member for Trois-Rivi res (Mr. Mongrain) has deliberately and voluntarily misled the House a moment ago when he said that I refused to learn English. That is absolutely untrue!

Mr. Mongrain: Mr. Speaker, I rise on another question of privilege. I never said anything of the sort.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member resume his seat. There is no question of privilege before the House. There is a debate before the chamber, and I suggest that we allow the hon. member for Portneuf to continue.

[Translation]

Mr. Mongrain: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Fortin: I too rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I can hear only one question of privilege at a time. I will hear the hon. member for Trois-Rivi res.

[Translation]

Mr. Mongrain: Mr. Speaker, I have always thought that every member had a right to know the truth.

Two honorable members are therefore contradicting each another. I would like to hear the official version of the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, for example, to see who is right.

Has that section been unanimously passed? It seems to me that it is my privilege to know. I will have to vote Mr. Speaker, so I would like to know the truth.

Mr. Fortin: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that he consult the record on this matter. This is hardly a question of privilege; it is a matter of debate. The hon. member has the right to consult the record to determine who is right. It is hardly an unusual feature of this House to have two points of view which are different.