

bills in total were passed over, and of those 59 bills, four were standing in my name. One of those 59 bills was in the name of a senator and two of them were in the name of a cabinet minister. On this point, Your Honour might perhaps consider whether we can leave these listings on the Order Paper because it would imply that either a senator or members of cabinet have the right to proceed in private members' business.

To return to the bills standing in my name, in the view of my constituents these bills were sufficiently important for me to proceed with them. The first one dealt with the Bank Act, a subject of current interest because of high interest rates and large bank profits. The second bill deals with the Criminal Code as it relates to abortion control. The third bill deals with Crown corporations and their responsibility to Parliament and the public. The fourth bill deals with the cost of publishing public reports.

Needless to say, I have many other bills on the Order Paper dealing with a variety of subjects, but it is these four bills which were passed over last Friday which has given the public the impression that I was not serious about these bills or I was not ready to proceed.

Mr. Deans: What is your point of order?

Mr. Herbert: I am coming to it, if you will be patient. No one called me, Mr. Speaker, to ask if I wanted to move second reading of one of my bills, and after a check with one of my colleagues who also had bills passed over, he was not called to ask if he wanted to proceed with his bills either.

Let me clarify precisely what I believe the procedure should have been on Friday, Mr. Speaker, which would have clearly indicated to the public what transpired.

Mr. Deans: Surely this is not a point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: It is an abuse of the time of the House.

Mr. Herbert: The fourth item of business on Friday was in the name of the hon. member who eventually proceeded, and that item of business had to do with the Post Office. He did not want to proceed on that matter at that time. I have no objection whatsoever to the member in question proceeding with another bill. I am not dealing with what was debated on Friday; I am dealing with the Order Paper procedure. I suggest that what we should have done on Friday was, instead of just writing into the record on page 12143 of *Hansard* that items 18 to 156 on the Order Paper—

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The hon. gentleman is using up the time of the House. He knows that the time limitation placed on debate by the rules expires at five minutes to six. He is deliberately attempting to go over that time in order to avoid being embarrassed again as he was—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The hon. member for York East.

Point of Order—Mr. Herbert

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I have not finished my question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The hon. member for Yukon.

Mr. Nielsen: My question of privilege affects the rights of every private member in this House. The private members' hour is a rare privilege. We get only two hours a week for this purpose. That hon. gentleman is abusing the rules of the House by deliberately running out the time here. The Chair should step in and protect the rights of private members.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The hon. member for York East.

Mr. Collette: I did not want to rise, Mr. Speaker, but the hon. member for Yukon has made a statement which cannot be allowed to stand in the record of this House. He has imputed motives to my hon. friend for Vaudreuil, one of the most diligent members of this House who uses private members' hour regularly for the purpose for which it was intended. I ask him to withdraw his statement. He imputed motives; he said that the member for Vaudreuil is deliberately wasting time. To make an accusation of that kind about any member is bad.

Mr. Deans: You are doing it now.

Mr. Collette: The hon. member for Vaudreuil is acknowledged on all sides of the House as being someone who is sincere in his use of private members' hour. I take great umbrage to the House leader for the opposition using that phrase and I ask him to withdraw it. Because we cannot proceed.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I not only refuse to withdraw it, I will expand it by saying that the hon. member for Vaudreuil is misusing private members' hour; and the hon. member who has just resumed his seat has similarly abused the time of the House.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: He has succeeded by going over the time now.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has spoken somewhat hastily as far as the Standing Orders of the House are concerned. I know we all have a vested interest in the private members' hour but it should be remembered that if consideration of the motion now before the House is not completed by