

Point of Order—Mr. McKinnon

to respond to it. I hope the Hon. Member might provide some assistance in helping me to work out a solution.

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PETITION

MR. ROCHE—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. for Edmonton South (Mr. Roche) on Tuesday, March 6, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders, as to form.

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POINTS OF ORDER

MR. MUNRO (ESQUIMALT-SAANICH)—NOTICE OF QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE TO BE RAISED

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, as it is appropriate on the first possible occasion to raise a question arising out of Question Period, I would like to stand today on a point of order to reserve my right to raise a question of privilege if I discover from my research that the reply given by the Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development (Mr. Johnston)—

Mr. Speaker: Order. If the Hon. Member has a question of privilege, he can serve notice to the Chair tomorrow prior to the commencement of proceedings and he will be recognized. If he has a point that he wants to raise now, he can state it. There is no point of reservation.

MR. MCKINNON—CHANGE IN RECORD OF STATEMENT BY MR. FERGUSON

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I rise with some regret to raise a point of order concerning the recording of the debates in this House as reflected in today's copy of *Hansard*. A change has been made to an intervention by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ferguson). What I do not like is that he made a change after we had had a disagreement as to whether he knew what he was talking about when he made the statement. Subsequently he changed the statement, obviously when he was given a copy of the "blues". Of course, I received a copy of the same "blues" and it was as he said it in the House. This morning I checked the electronic transcript of the proceedings in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon when the Member in question said:

I hope that, as we look at the GIS increases and as we examine the war veterans allowance in more detail, no means test will be associated with it.

That caused me to rise in my place during the Question Period and question him on that. I said, and I quote:

In his closing remark he also said that the war veterans allowance top-up would be paid without a means test. He either does not know what he is talking about or he has just announced a radical change in government policy over the

years. If that is so, would he reassure us that he is serious and knows what he is talking about and that we are now going to have the war veterans allowance without a means test?

The Parliamentary Secretary replied:

I am sorry that my remark was taken out of context. I was referring to the means test referred to by the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie). This referred only to old age pensions in the past.

That is all very well on a point about debate at that time, but I object very much to having a gentleman in the House set about to win a debate by changing the record when presented with the "blues", which are not there to enable a Member to change the meaning of what he said but rather to make small and non-argumentative corrections of errors that may have slipped into *Hansard*. I think the Hon. Member owes the House an apology and I hope this will not happen again.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will look into the matter raised by the Hon. Member for Victoria and reserve comment for the present time.

Mr. Ralph Ferguson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, if this was taken wrongly by the Hon. Member, I should say that I fully realize that the war veterans allowance is income tested as is GIS, and there are references in there to both OAS and GIS. If I made a mistake, I apologize for it. I know the difference between the two. We are dealing with it from our constituency office. If it came out that way, it certainly was not the way it was intended. I apologize to the Hon. Member if it was taken out of context. I hope it will be taken in that context.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I certainly will accept the apology of the Hon. Member. Thank you very much.

MR. KEEPER—QUESTIONS FOR MRS. EROLA

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order arising out of Question Period. This is International Womens' Week. The Minister responsible for the Status of Women stayed in the Chamber for only half of the Question Period. We had further questions for her.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member does not have a point of order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

MR. FLIS—RELEASE OF MYKOLA HORBAL FROM SOVIET LABOUR CAMP

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 71, I have the honour to present the following petition. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, concerned about the human rights violations