

*Points of Order*

discuss whether this is the appropriate place for this question to be raised and whether this is the time.

• (1520 )

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Mr. Speaker, just briefly on that point. I had intended to make that comment. This has just been drawn to my attention and I have raised it at the earliest possible time.

I would say, Mr. Speaker, that given the fact that the motion has just been presented, if members across the way want some time to deliberate on it, we would certainly be pleased to give them that time and it could be discussed at a House leaders' meeting. We would be prepared to debate it and we would be prepared to vote on it.

I thank the hon. member for his submission.

[*Translation*]

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Apparently, Mr. Speaker, my friend the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier is suggesting that the privileges of a member may have been breached by the statement made by Senator Hébert last Sunday night—hardly 48 hours ago—on the TVA network.

And the hon. member for Hamilton East takes the Deputy Prime Minister to task for using a translation. I have always thought that, unilingual or bilingual, English- or French-speaking, all members of the House of Commons are full-fledged citizens.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Mulroney:** When it comes to national unity, I should think that the Deputy Prime Minister's record is second to none.

As to Senator Hébert's statement, Mr. Speaker, allow me to quote him because he did refer to me personally: "Either we will block it, and this is what we wanted to do until Mr. Mulroney, forgetting all conventions—" Listen to the statement of Senator Hébert: "Mr. Mulroney, forgetting all conventions, bribed the Queen—I would not know how—to appoint—" The interviewer interrupted him: "Senator, what you have just said, 'the Prime Minister bribed the Queen', is a very serious statement on the part of a senator". Senator Hébert: "Do you see the danger inherent in live programming?

Nothing can be changed. However, what is true and what surprised me the morning after the eight appointments is that I did not see anything in the press about a heavy tax burden being imposed on Canadians thanks to the co-operation of the Queen, the Queen of England. That would have been some headline".

What he said was that the Prime Minister of Canada bribed the Queen, whom he insulted by calling her the Queen of England when she also happens to be the Queen of Canada, the Queen of all Canadians. And if the Liberals had the least bit of common sense—

[*English*]

—they would call in Senator Hébert and they would kick him out of the Liberal caucus right away for what he just said.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Would you please tell this House what procedure is being followed at this time? Is this part of the debate on the motion? I would like to know because many of my colleagues want to participate in that debate.

I will however remind this House, Mr. Speaker, that, in *Beauchesne's*, 6th edition, Comment no. 19 simply states that:

Statements made outside the House by a Member may not be used as the basis for a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker, Senators or Members, it is all the same thing. So, it is our opinion that a statement made outside the House should not be the subject of a question of privilege.

[*English*]

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte):** Mr. Speaker, on the point of order that has been raised, I think it should be clear to you and clear to all members that what is being debated here today is not whether or not an insult was offered to Her Majesty, the Queen.

It is clear from the comments as attributed to Senator Hébert that a statement was made. It is equally clear there was no serious suggestion whatsoever that either