

be debate. Will the Hon. Member indicate in what direction his privileges are affected?

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, my privileges are affected in that the Minister gave a false answer and I would like to give him the opportunity to change it.

Mr. Speaker: There is ample precedent that differences of opinion as to facts do not constitute privilege. The Hon. Member may well have a matter he would like to raise at the Adjournment Debate or at another opportunity. Obviously differences of opinion between Hon. Members take place and interpretations of fact are obviously going to be a matter of difference. It is difficult to accept this as a question of privilege.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. MURPHY—REQUEST TO SEEK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my point of order is with reference to the attempt by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James to rise on a point of order to seek unanimous consent of the House for leave to present a motion.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member was out of order in rising on a point of order to move a motion of that nature. Under our Standing Orders he cannot do so. There are procedures under which the Hon. Member can seek the consent of the House to do various things; but this is not one of the options permitted.

Mr. Deans: On the same point, Mr. Speaker, I am not reflecting on the Speaker in any way, I hope you understand that. Quite frankly, Sir, it has been the practice in this House for Members to rise on a point of order to seek unanimous consent. It is appropriate under any circumstances, at any time, for a Member to seek unanimous consent to do anything. It is always appropriate. I would ask the Speaker to reflect on that.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member is raising the question of a practice which has become much too frequent in the House, in the opinion of the Chair, in seeking unanimous consent. However, I cannot refuse it. The Hon. Member rises to seek unanimous consent and the Chair will have to recognize the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James.

The Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) is seeking to be heard on the point? The Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James is rising to seek unanimous consent of the House on a matter. We will hear what that is and deal with it, if the Hon. Member for Yukon will concur.

Mr. Keeper: I seek unanimous consent—

Mr. Nielsen: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Point of Order—Mr. Murphy

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will hear what the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James has to say, and then I will hear the Hon. Member for Yukon, for whose opinion the Chair has a high regard.

Mr. Keeper: Mr. Speaker, I seek the unanimous consent of the House for leave to move the following motion:

That the House proceed to Private Member's Hour to debate Bill C-204, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone.

Even though the Tories and the Liberals are trying to muzzle us.

Mr. Speaker: The absurdity of the motion is that it asks the House to reflect on a decision which has been made. A decision has been made and the motion has been rejected. There is ample precedent that the House cannot accept a motion to reverse a decision of the House in this way. The Hon. Member for Yukon.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to make the passing observation, that even if the Chair were disposed to put that question, there being no Private Members' Hour today the motion itself would not be in proper form. That is a short answer to it.

Mr. Waddell: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. With respect to this motion, you did precisely that last night. You accepted the point of order of the Hon. Member for Yukon after the division bells had rung. Now, why can our Member not get up and raise a point of order?

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member is entirely out of order. Last night the Chair accepted a point of order and heard representations from all Parties in the House, including the Party of the Hon. Member. That matter is terminated. I see the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett) rising.

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I hope this point of order will in fact be in order because of the reference you made to there not being a Private Members' Hour today. I therefore seek the unanimous consent of the House—

Mr. Speaker: The Chair did not make any reference to what is taking place today.

Miss Jewett: I am sorry, the Hon. Member for Yukon said that. My point of order, Mr. Speaker, is to seek the unanimous consent of the House for leave to move the following motion:

That the subject matter of Bill C-204, an Act to declare Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone, be the subject matter of an emergency debate for the remainder of this sitting day.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member, being an experienced parliamentarian and well acquainted with the rules, knows that a motion to reflect on a judgment of the House cannot be accepted.

Mr. Waddell: It is not a motion to reflect on the judgment of the House.