

Privilege—Mr. Hawkes

Speaker, or a lack of communication with their own House leader.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I rise in light of the rather unfortunate suggestion that our House leader was not performing his duty properly. I am the acting House leader of our party today.

An hon. Member: He did not say that.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I suggest that in light of this typical activity on the part of the government House leader, who should be interested in developing an atmosphere in this House of co-operation, if he is legitimately interested in getting legislation through, he should not make the smart aleck remarks for which he is so famous. Perhaps, Madam Speaker, we might want to reserve this point until my House leader returns to the House. He is on business today that caused him to be out of Ottawa.

In light of that kind of smart aleck remark, I suggest that perhaps we should wait until our House leader returns in order to determine what kind of arrangement, consultation and discussion took place between the government House leader and opposition members. Maybe in this way we can get to the bottom of this very important question of privilege raised by my friend, the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes).

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, I do not propose to spin this argument out. I have to say that my colleagues and I were not taken by surprise.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles: The item in question, Madam Speaker, the debate in Committee of the Whole on the bill, is still before us. Any day next week we can have all of the discussion anyone wants. Are we not just wasting time having this discussion now?

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I think I am sufficiently informed of what seems to have taken place that I do not need to listen to further argument. I apologize to the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour) for not recognizing him.

It seems to me that in some area there must have been a lack of communication. The information was available either on the order paper or in statements made in the House. It is not a task of the Chair to stipulate in respect of this matter. The affairs of the House of Commons are entirely in the hands of the House of Commons, and the government is, of course, responsible for determining the order of business. That seems to have been done.

There might have been a lack of communication, but I am sure that members will, among themselves and with their House leaders, take the necessary steps to prevent again being taken by surprise. I am sorry the hon. member seems to have been taken by surprise, but it seems that the information was available.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

Second Report of Standing Committee on Transport—Mr. Malépart.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

TABLING OF EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS OF INTERNAL ECONOMY RESPECTING SALARY INCREASES

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the table an extract of the minutes of the meeting of internal economy commissioners which was held on June 4, 1980, respecting the review of the salary of some employees of the House of Commons.

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[English]

PETITION

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF "SAMSON V" STERN WHEELER

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I should like to present a petition on behalf of over 7,000 residents of British Columbia who want the *Samson V*, a stern wheel steamer with 43 years of service, to continue its long history of providing service on the Fraser River by tending navigation buoys and removing snags and deadheads from the river, thereby ensuring safety for fishermen, freighters and pleasure boaters in the harbour of New Westminster and on the Lower Fraser River. On behalf of the petitioners, I ask for serious consideration by the government of their request that the *Samson V* be continued in active service.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

NOTICE OF TIME ALLOCATION FOR SECOND READING OF BILL C-30

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I wish to inform the House that there have been consultations among the representatives of the parties and that it has not been possible to reach an agreement under the provisions of Standing Order 75A or 75B in respect of the proceedings at the second reading stage of Bill