

an interpretation of a newspaper article; this is a clear action by a Government employee to impede the voice and credibility of a Member of the House. That is the issue here. That is why I rise to support my colleague in asking that the Chair find a prima facie case that his ability has been impeded. In the earlier case, we stood with the Hon. Member for Lincoln and said; "Yes, your privilege has been impeded and it should be examined".

I ask Your Honour to find a prima facie case of privilege here and to support the Member in calling the civil servant in question to the bar of the House to make an apology.

● (1530)

Madam Speaker: I obviously will have to examine the documents in support of the case and all the arguments presented to the Chair. I will come back to the House with a decision later.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the twenty-third Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

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

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POINT OF ORDER

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES—PRESENTATION OF NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Claude Tessier (Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead): Madam Speaker, as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in the absence of the Chairman, and having discovered and agreed on the need to correct the ninth Report to make it conform to the proceedings in committee on Bill C-152 and to the amendments duly voted on and approved in committee, said report having been tabled in the House on September 29, I now, with the agreement of the Opposition critics of the Progressive Conservative Party and the New Democratic Party and also of our independent colleague, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-East (Mr. Yurko), request the unanimous consent of the House to correct this

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report. Therefore, on page 2 of the report, Schedule I should read as follows:

Add, immediately after item 9, on page 17, the following:

Clause 60 is amended by substituting "Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion" for "Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce".

—and renumber the subsequent items accordingly.

Thus, the amendment to the Canagrex Act included in the Ninth Report is to be replaced by the one I just mentioned, because it was not voted on in committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask that corrections be made accordingly.

Madam Speaker: Does the House give its unanimous consent for correcting the report?

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, you will recall that this matter arose last week. I spoke to the Hon. Member then and told him I would get in touch with our critic in order that I might be free to give unanimous consent to what he is attempting to do today. I have indeed exerted every effort to get in touch with our critic who is in New York on Government business, but I have not been able to do so. I believe I should communicate with him, not that I for a moment doubt the word of the Hon. Member that he has been in touch, but I think I should have that confirmed before I consent.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: So, there is no unanimous consent.

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[English]

PETITIONS

MR. KORCHINSKI—ASSISTANCE FOR WHITE FARM EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of 108 petitioners from Alberta who have sent a petition to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Lumley), to the Hon. Member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers), the Hon. Member for Crow Foot (Mr. Malone) and the Hon. Member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight). They have asked me to present this to the House on their behalf to ask that the Minister and his Department make every effort to maintain the White Farm Equipment Company as a viable entity.

MR. RIIS—BROADCASTING ACT—AMENDMENT RESPECTING DISCRIMINATION

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to present on behalf of 1,000 petitioners a petition regarding Bill C-675, an Act to amend the Broadcasting Act which urges that Section 3 of the said Act be amended