

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the question to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment is as follows: the hon. member for Rocky Mountain (Mr. Clark)—Indian Affairs—Alleged failure of minister to deal with grievances of Treaty Seven chiefs—Government position.

The House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), public bills. There being no item under the heading of private bills on the order paper, the House will proceed to notices of motions (papers).

● (1700)

Mr. Herbert: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The point of order I raise again today concerns the manner in which we deal with private members' business. I want to use as an example in explanation of the points I have been raising the conduct of private members' business on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, how can the hon. member raise a point of order when nothing at all has been raised or is before the House? One cannot make a point of order out of the blue. My contention is that the hon. member has no right to raise a point of order until something has been done which might be out of order.

An hon. Member: Hear him out.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The understanding is that the first item on the list for today is the one being called. I do not think that this is the day for the hon. member to raise that kind of point of order.

Mr. Herbert: If I may reply to that, Madam Speaker, I am referring to what happened in this House on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It is too late.

Mr. Herbert: That is why I raise the point of order at this time.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): That is not a proper point of order. It is the wrong day.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Today is Thursday.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): I would like to remind the hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) that he should raise this point of order at the appropriate time, which is Monday night.

Mr. Herbert: I rise on a question of privilege, then, because there were happenings on Tuesday of this week

United Aircraft

which affected my privilege as a member of this House. I was going to raise them on a point of order, but since it involves my own rights in this House I will use this opportunity to raise a question of privilege. On Tuesday of this week—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. I think the question of privilege should be raised when the Speaker is in the chair after the question period.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

REQUEST FOR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT
AND UNITED AIRCRAFT AND CONTRACTS RELATING TO
FEDERAL GRANTS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby) moved:

That an order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence between United Aircraft and the government over the past year and copies of contracts relating to federal grants accorded to United Aircraft over the past five years.

He said: Madam Speaker, the issue I speak of this afternoon concerns one of the most vicious and tragic strikes in recent Canadian history. I refer to the United Aircraft plant at Longueuil, Quebec. The strike at that plant is still in progress. The issues involved are many. There has been injustice inflicted upon the workers at that plant in the past.

Mr. Blais: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, I suggest that we are dealing with a notice of motion for the production of papers and I trust we will not be dealing with the substance of the Longueuil strike at United Aircraft. Surely, if we are to deal with a motion for the production of papers, that is what we should be dealing with.

Mr. Benjamin: Wait for it.

Mr. Broadbent: I would have thought that even a member of the Liberal Party would have been bright enough to conclude that an argument is needed to justify the motion. What I am about to do is try to provide, even for the hon. member for Nipissing (Mr. Blais), some grounds for the motion we are debating which led to my moving it in the first place. I hope he will have read that I am calling for copies of contracts and correspondence. The contracts and correspondence refer quite directly to the labour situation I was about to discuss when I was interrupted.

If I may continue, Madam Speaker, the strike which is in progress involves many issues. It involves federal funding to private corporations at a level of hundreds of millions of dollars. It involves the right of Canadian workers to a just settlement and to have appropriate and fair working relationships with their employers. It involves the question of whether the federal government should have dealings with any corporation without that corpora-