

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 27, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

● (2:40 p.m.)

[Translation]

### PRIVILEGE

#### MR. KEAYS—PRESENCE IN CHAMBER DURING ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

**Mr. J. Russell Keays (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege concerning a statement made in the house by the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Bécharde). I am sorry I did not get the opportunity to do it sooner. As reported on page 4155 of *Hansard* for April 22, 1966, the hon. member for Bonaventure said:

In the same connection, I was here last night to answer a question and the one who raised it was not. This has happened on two occasions in the case of the member for Gaspé (Mr. Keays).

Mr. Speaker, that statement is inaccurate; instead of "on two occasions" one should read "on one occasion".

I would be very happy if the hon. member for Bonaventure would be kind enough to make the necessary correction.

**Mr. Albert Bécharde (Bonaventure):** Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say that I followed in that matter the line of thought of the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Keays) who said on two occasions: I want to discuss that question here tonight. All the members concerned were here that night to answer but he was not here himself.

**Mr. Keays:** Mr. Speaker, in any case, the fact is that the question was called only once.

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope that the hon. members will come to an agreement about whether it was on one or two occasions.

[English]

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

#### FIRST AND SECOND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South)** presented the first and second reports of the standing committee on public accounts.

[Note: Text of the foregoing reports appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the house I move that the first report of the standing committee on public accounts presented this day be now concurred in.

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, before you read the motion we wish to make our opposition clear. We do not want to agree to the report being passed immediately, because on this side we would prefer to have a debate on it.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** If there is not unanimous consent the motion cannot be put.

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the house I move that the second report of the standing committee on public accounts presented this day be concurred in.

**Mr. Caron:** I object, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand there is not unanimous consent that the second motion may be moved.

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wish to ask whether the motions presented by the hon. member for Wellington South a moment ago regarding the reports of the public accounts committee are debatable.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motions cannot be put without unanimous consent and, therefore, cannot be debated because they are not before the house.

**Mr. Lambert:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to suggest that perhaps argument can be submitted as to why the motion should not now be put, and on the objections that are being raised. I should also like to ask whether the hon. members who are objecting were in attendance at the committee meetings.

[Translation]

If you were here, you could attend the sittings of the committee.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, the reason why I did not attend the sitting of the public accounts committee is that I am not on it, but I object to concurrence in this report without previous discussion, because I do not give my