

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 29, 1991

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

[*English*]

PRIVILEGE

MEMBER FOR TIMISKAMING

Mr. Speaker: I wish to bring to the attention of the House that I have an application on privilege from the hon. member for Timiskaming. Another member who is involved in the application is not available at the moment.

I will be following our usual practice of bringing the matter back to the Chamber when our colleague from Timiskaming can contact the other member so that all members directly involved will be in the House when it is heard.

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, we have informed the member from Sudbury that we would be raising a point of privilege.

This question is not only of myself, integrity and honesty, but that of my riding. I would like to have this discussed as early as possible because accusations that have been made affect me personally, my family and the people I represent.

• (1010)

Mr. Speaker: I think the House understands the hon. member's position. I hope arrangements can be made to bring it into the House at the very earliest opportunity.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Gerry Weiner (for the Minister of Labour) moved that Bill C-44, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code (geographic certification) be read the second time and referred to Legislative Committee A.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: No.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Debate. The hon. member for Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, on a point of order.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The parliamentary secretary on a point of order.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I believe I heard you say legislative committee. I think you would find that there would be consent of the House to do this in Committee of the Whole, because there is a desire on the part of the members to complete all stages of this bill today.

Mr. Dingwall: Madam Speaker, there were no specific discussions with the Official Opposition and the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader with regard to going to Committee of the Whole. However, I have heard interventions from the hon. member opposite and we would be prepared to pursue Committee of the Whole.

However, perhaps in the future the parliamentary secretary might want to inform us beforehand.

Mr. Murphy: Madam Speaker, it was certainly our understanding that this would be dealt with in Committee of the Whole today. I am glad that the parliamentary secretary is aware of that and woke up and raised the issue at the appropriate time.