

*Conduct of Members in Committee*

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps hon. members are not as charitable as I am.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Certainly I think we must take into account the fact that the hon. member for Peace River has brought this situation to the attention of the House and the Chair. It is always a very touchy and delicate situation when the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole—a position I occupied for a few years so I know how difficult it is when the question has to be put by the Chair—has to try to convince hon. members who were behind the curtains or in the lobby or who perhaps came down from their offices that they ought not to come into the chamber, that they have no right to enter and should not stand or move about the chamber during a vote.

This principle, as the hon. member for Peace River emphasized very well, has been recognized for a long time. I would therefore hope that the incident which took place yesterday and which we all deplore will remind us that we should not forget the provisions of the Standing order when the House is in Committee of the Whole.

• (2:10 p.m.)

The hon. member for Richelieu is rising on a question of privilege.

[Translation]

**Mr. Florian Côté (Richelieu):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

I know that the question of privilege of the hon. member for Peace River is not debatable, but I cannot ignore certain assertions. In fact, I have counted—I declare this on my oath of office—six members who entered from the other side of the House.

[English]

**Mr. Nowlan:** You are lying.

**Mr. McGrath:** That's a lie.

**Some hon. Members:** Liar.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. If the hon. member has a question of privilege, he should have given notice of it to the Chair, as did the hon. member for Peace River. It is as simple as that.

[English]

**Mr. McGrath:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think it is incumbent upon the hon. member who just raised the question of privilege to name the hon. members on this side of the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** Name them.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Get up, you liar.

**Mr. Speaker:** May we have order, please. The hon. member thought he had a question of privilege. I suggested to him that he did not. He is welcome to so think, but I

[Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).]

really do not think he has a question of privilege. That is the ruling I made a moment ago.

**Mr. Nowlan:** I rise on the question of privilege. I was in the House yesterday when the events that have been described happened. There was one member who came in at a certain stage, the member in front of me, the hon. member for—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** Red Deer.

**Mr. Nowlan:** The hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson). He came in and left. He did not participate in the vote. He entered the chamber when the vote was being called on the other side. I ask the hon. member to name the six members who came in while this was happening. If he does not do this, Mr. Speaker, we on this side who did vote all have a point of privilege that has to be clarified.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I really do not think the hon. member who raised this question of privilege had any justification for doing so. The matter was raised by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin). There was no motion proposed. Obviously his intention was to bring to the attention of the Chair and the House the difficulties with which we were faced yesterday. He has done so and I really do not think there is any further action that should be taken by the Chair at this point.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Seventh report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates—Mr. Fernand-E. Leblanc (Laurier).

#### JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Tenth report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—Mr. Paul-M. Gervais (Sherbrooke).

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

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[English]

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### TIME ALLOCATION MOTION FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STAGE ON INCOME TAX BILL

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 75c I should like to move a motion in the following terms, seconded by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Macdonald).