

*Privilege—Mr. Thacker*

[*Translation*]

The Meech Lake Accord, Mr. Speaker, is a precious token of Canadians' and Quebecers' will to work together to build a common future with dignity and honor while respecting Quebec's distinctiveness. We cannot and must not miss this historical opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly support the proposal of the Hon. Member for Vancouver Centre (Ms. Campbell) relating to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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

• (1810)

[*English*]

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I would be prepared to continue now but in order to make it easier for yourself and the Speaker of the Senate, I move that the House do now adjourn.

**Mr. Gauthier:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Maybe the Minister is going to say what I anticipated, but I just want to ask the Government House Leader if he could tell us what we will be dealing with tomorrow. Is he going to designate tomorrow as continuing debate on the Throne Speech?

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, we will be calling the vote on the Ways and Means Motion tomorrow as the first order of business. I have suggested in a letter to the Chair, with copies to my colleagues in the opposition benches, that the House may wish to take up the procedural debate on a Notice of Motion which has been filed with the Table.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I must tell the Government House Leader that we have no notice of any letter from him today. I shall reserve on that point.

**Mr. Speaker:** I should advise the House that I have received notice of a question of privilege from the Hon. Member for Lethbridge (Mr. Thacker). I am prepared to hear at least some opening remarks. If it is going to be very lengthy it might be more appropriate for the Hon. Member to adjourn it until tomorrow.

I want, however, to be very clear to all Hon. Members that a question of privilege is just that and it receives precedence here.

## PRIVILEGE

### TRAFFIC JAM ON PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCTS

**Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge):** Mr. Speaker, a question of privilege has to be raised at the earliest moment, and in this case it relates to the actions of the green buses. I can assure Hon. Members that for urgent family reasons it was impossible for me to be here until five o'clock. I then caught a taxi in. Immediately upon reaching the Confederation Building the bells were ringing. I went to the green buses, but due to the traffic jam the bus was unable to get through.

I believe that establishes a prima facie case. I would suggest a reference to the standing committee because I am sure there are ways that security guards at this time of the day could be directing traffic. In view of the fact there is a more balanced number of Members in the House, I believe this may well be a problem and it should be looked at and solved instantly.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member for raising the matter. Clearly the Hon. Member has some support. I will consider the matter with care and report back to the House at the earliest convenience.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, maybe we can put this off until tomorrow and you can hear us on this point. I think there is a question of privilege here that could be of some importance to Members of the House.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Speaker:** I will certainly accept the Hon. Member's suggestion.

[*English*]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.