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House in an improper manner. It's a dirty fight by Skelly and Fulton".

The member is fully aware because I have stated it in this House and I have stated it outside of this House that I did not get the parliamentary library to prepare the paper. I said so in a letter which appeared yesterday in the newspaper in his own constituency which says: "Contrary to Mr. Worthy's statement I did not commission the parliamentary library to prepare a research paper on share groups in B.C. Contrary to Mr. Worthy's suggestion that I criticized share groups in the paper, the paper was researched by a professional at the Library of Parliament and I had no input in the paper whatsoever nor am I quoted in it. One would think Mr. Worthy would have checked this out before raising it in Parliament as a personal attack, but he didn't. My respect for him is restored by his apology in Parliament". That was run in his own newspaper.

The reason that I raise this, is that this is not solely a personal attack, not only on myself but on the member for Comox—Alberni, but it is in fact an attack on part of the institution of Parliament. It in fact affects my parliamentary duties, not in relation to my constituency of Skeena, but in my capacity to be involved in issues in the entire environmental field in my home province of British Columbia where the member is suggesting that somehow I and another member of this House made an improper use of part of this House. In fact, I had no role to play whatsoever in the preparation or whatever of the paper that was prepared by the parliamentary library.

I do not think it is an appropriate kind of statement to leave on the public record, either that members were making improper use of the library or that the the Library of Parliament is somehow involved in some kind of improper activity.

I seek one more time some clarification from the member and from the Chair. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I am perfectly capable of carrying on thee kinds of things outside the House, but I do it to protect the privileges of all members in this House.

• (1520)

**Mr. Speaker:** I will hear the hon. member for Cariboo—Chilcotin in a moment.

The withdrawal that the hon. member for Cariboo—Chilcotin made in the House was with reference to a comment he had made concerning the hon. member for

Skeena, but that comment was made in the House. The hon. member is signifying agreement to that.

**Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo—Chilcotin):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad the hon. member brought this up as a question of privilege because it gives me a chance to get this on the House record, which I was having difficulty doing.

My apology the other day was because I misused statement period to make a statement that could be construed as an attack on the hon. member. That was a misuse of the statement period, and for this I apologized.

My primary concern is for the people I am trying to defend, the people who are under attack. It is the grassroots people, the workers, cattlemen, mayors, aldermen, people who belong to the share groups of British Columbia who have been subject to what they consider to be a severe and unfair attack by two members of this House.

I did write a letter to the Speaker and I hope there will be some action. I do not accuse the Library of Parliament of being in the wrong. I am questioning what I consider to be the misuse of the Library of Parliament by two members .

The document produced by the library, sent out with an accompanying letter by these members, implies things about this document that I do not think are there. They are misusing a document produced by this House.

I also have some concerns abut how this researcher in the library was able to arrive at the conclusions, but that is a subject matter I have asked the Speaker to enter into. I have not seen the article in the paper. The member did not advise he was raising this point of privilege, so I had no chance to prepare for it.

The same day I stood in this House to indicate my mistake in using the statement period, I was telephoned by a newspaper because it had already received the letter from the member. I was asked what the situation was and I stated it.

If you look at the documentation I have, it indicates that the two members are, in what appears to be a fairly methodical manner, trying to impugn grassroots people belonging to the share groups throughout British Columbia. I think it is a terrible thing for members to do. I will continue to do the best I can to defend the share groups from what I consider to be an improper attack and improper use of the facilities of this House.