

## Reprints of Members' Speeches

(2) That in the reprinting of members' speeches the following rules be strictly adhered to:

(a) Each reprint of a speech or speeches ordered by a member shall be an exact replica in context of the report as printed in the debates of the Senate, or the House of Commons debates, without any deletions therefrom or additions thereto;

(b) Each reprint shall contain the speech or speeches of one member only in the same pamphlet;

(c) Such reprints shall contain no subheadings, photographs, or illustrations, and only such subject-matter or main headings as appear in the official reports;

(d) No special cover shall be used and no covering letters shall be added to or included in the speeches so reprinted.

The regulations in regard to the printing of speeches are clear and concise. I have not paid any attention to what other members have been doing with regard to their speeches; but any of my speeches that I have had reprinted I have sent to the king's printer with these regulations in mind.

In order to make doubly sure that the members would know what the regulations were, each member, I believe, received from the king's printer a card having the schedule of the printing costs on one side and the regulations that I have read on the other.

Despite this fact, it has come to my attention that the king's printer is printing speeches of members of parliament which do not adhere to these regulations. My grievance or complaint is that I am quite ready to adhere to the regulations laid down by this House of Commons, but I want every other member of the House of Commons to have to do the same thing. I object to any other member having a privilege in this house that I have not.

I have in my hand here a copy of a reprint of a speech that was made in this house by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin) on March 10, when he introduced the motion for the appointment of a joint committee of both houses of parliament on old age security. It may be said that this reprint is issued by the Department of National Health and Welfare. But on the face of it it is clear that such is not the case. There is on the cover—a white cover of much better quality paper than the ordinary *Hansard* paper—a heading: "Canada Reviews Old Age Security, by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare." I do not know whether the Minister of National Health and Welfare reviewing old age security is the same thing as Canada reviewing old age security. At the bottom of the cover appear these words: "Address delivered in the House of Commons, Ottawa, Friday, March 10, 1950." This is clearly a speech by a member of parliament and reprinted for circulation in his constituency

or wherever else he may wish to circulate it. This reprint contravenes the regulations in a number of instances. Let us take, for instance, 2 (c) which reads:

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I have counted the number of subheadings in this reprint and they amount to ten.

I also made a speech in that debate, and I think it was a fairly good speech. That, however, is only a personal opinion and I may be biased. However, the reprint appears just as it appears on *Hansard*, in the daily copy, without any breakings of subheadings at all.

**Mr. Coldwell:** And the printing is different.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Oh yes, the printing is different, of course. I am not complaining particularly about that, although I should like to have the same large print and the same good quality paper that the Minister of National Health and Welfare, or whoever paid for this, can afford. I always pay for my own; and I am willing to pay for what I ask for and for what I get. The point I wish to make is this. When this reprint of the Minister of National Health and Welfare's speech reaches his constituents, they have a fairly presentable piece of literature which is fairly easy to read. When my speech reaches the people of Vancouver East it is an altogether different looking piece of literature. I maintain that not only is this a discrimination against me as a member of parliament and against other members of parliament who adhere to the regulations; it is also a discrimination against our constituents as well.

The next time I decide to get reprints of a speech I make in the house I am going to put in subheadings; I am going to take it to the king's printer and then, if I am refused permission to have it printed in that way, both the king's printer and the House of Commons are going to hear more about it—unless in the meantime these regulations are rescinded or each member of the house is treated on the same basis.

There is nothing so undesirable and dangerous to a democracy as that the leaders in government and other leaders in public life should ask for and receive special concessions that the ordinary rank and file do not receive. In so far as that sort of thing obtains in our society, just so far is our society not democratic. Equality of rights and equality of privileges are essential in any democracy. I would ask some member of the government to give the assurance that each member of the House of Commons, from the