

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

## WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Lewis:** Madam Speaker, this being Thursday and the House recessing until April 19, I wonder if the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council might give the House some idea as to the order of business for April 19 and April 20.

**Mr. Smith:** Madam Speaker, when we return to the House we will be dealing with energy-related bills, and the sequence of the first three would be Bill C-106, which is energy supplies; Bill C-104, which deals with petroleum incentives and Canadian ownership; and Bill C-107, which deals with motor vehicle fuel consumption standards. We would be dealing with those bills on the first two days after the House resumes.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

## INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. René Gingras (Abitibi):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table in both official languages the second report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Madam Speaker, I should like to table in both official languages the ninth report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, a report which I have received this minute, the committee having been empowered, under an order of reference received from the House on December 18, to examine security and disarmament proposals which Canada may submit to UNSSOD II.

[English]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Madam Speaker, I also have the honour to table the tenth report concerning an extension of the work being done by the subcommittee on Latin America. I present the tenth report in both official languages and, if I receive the unanimous consent of the House, I would ask for concurrence later on motions.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Miss MacDonald:** Agreed.

**Mr. Crombie:** Wonderful.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** We will advise Madam Speaker accordingly.

## Privilege—Mr. McKinnon

[Translation]

**Madam Speaker:** Is the hon. member seeking the unanimous consent of the house to obtain concurrence now or on motions?

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Madam Speaker, I sought the unanimous consent of the House to obtain concurrence on motions, but—

[English]

I heard very clearly that there is not unanimous consent. Accordingly, I will simply table the report and follow the procedure as to when we will call for concurrence.

**Madam Speaker:** The hon. member obviously does not have unanimous consent.

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

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## PRIVILEGE

## MR. MCKINNON—ALTERATIONS TO REMARKS OF MR. LAMONTAGNE IN COMMITTEE MEETING

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. You may recall that a few days ago I attempted to raise a question of privilege concerning the report which has just been tabled and the evidence given supporting that report. I was somewhat encouraged when, in reply to my House leader, the House leader of the official opposition, on March 22 Your Honour said:

The hon. member is quite right. If at a later time this grievance is reported to the House, then it can be discussed in the House.

The report is now in front of the House, and my understanding is that now is the time when I should present my question of privilege, a summation of which I sent to Your Honour on March 22. This question of privilege concerns the altering of minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

I draw to Your Honour's attention the Nineteenth Edition of *Eskine May* at page 141, where it states:

It is a breach of privilege to present or cause to be presented to either House or to committees of either House forged, falsified or fabricated documents with intent to deceive such House or committees or to subscribe the names of other persons or fictitious names to documents intended to be presented to either House or committees of either House, or to be privy to, or cognizant of, such forgery or fraud.

Further on, and perhaps more closely related to this point, *Eskine May* says:

—to falsify or improperly alter any records of, or documents presented to, either House or committees of either House will constitute a contempt. Standing Order No. 78 of the House of Commons specifically provides that no document received by the clerk of a select committee shall be withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the committee.

When giving evidence before the committee on February 25, the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Lamontagne) gave