

Point of Order—Mr. Crosbie

person, he or she cannot supervise more than one area at one time. I know that that presented a difficulty today.

It is also equally true that there are three front doors to the House and only two people guarding those doors, even though there is considerable traffic of Members, staff, assistants, and so on, entering the area.

I do not think that this is a very funny matter, and I hope Hon. Members across would treat it seriously. As one who was an employee of this place for a number of years, it is my hope that due regard will be given to those people who do an excellent job of supervising access and egress to the House of Commons, as I am sure Your Honour, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and others will do in their review of what happened today.

● (1510)

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I, of course, on behalf of my colleagues would want to associate myself with the spokesmen for the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party. I can only say that while this is something that comes within your direct jurisdiction, from the standpoint of the Government I can assure you that we will co-operate with you in every respect in order to address this important issue. I simply want to say that I offer you my fullest co-operation on behalf of the Government.

Mr. St. Germain: Mr. Speaker, as one of the spokesmen for the Board of Internal Economy who are under your excellent chairmanship for this area of responsibility, you can rest assured that you have the entire support of the Board in dealing with this matter immediately.

Mr. Speaker: I want to thank Hon. Members, led by the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and others, for their comments. We had an incident here an hour or so ago. Clearly someone who ought not to have got into the Chamber did get into the Chamber. Immediately afterwards instructions were given to increase the security in the event that there might be others involved. That was done and an investigation has already commenced.

I think that Hon. Members having given the Chair the support they have will want to know that I shall deal with the matter as quickly as possible, taking into account the comments of the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria), in a fair and appropriate manner. I think we all recognize that the tasks that our security people have in this place, which is a relatively open forum, open Chamber, open facilities, in the tradition of a free country, are not always easy.

I think Hon. Members at this point will want to join with me in congratulating officials who were here at the time in the very expeditious and efficient way they took care of the problem and secured the intruder.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

POINT OF ORDER

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with reference to a matter that occurred on Friday when I was not present at the Question Period. I think it is quite a serious matter.

In introductory remarks to a question, the Hon. Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) made a completely false statement in what he alleged that I had said. He was asking a question as reported at page 6537 of *Hansard* about the takeover of Canadian Pacific Air by Pacific Western Airlines. As found at the bottom of the page, the Hon. Member said:

—on April 14 I was told by the usually pompous Minister of Transport that there would be few if any jobs lost.

I defy anybody in this House to read the April 14 *Hansard* or any other source and find anywhere a statement from me that as a result of that takeover there would be few if any jobs lost.

I was asked a question by the Member of Parliament for York South—Weston and I made no statement about the number of jobs to be lost, as you will see, Sir, if you look at the page. I was asked a second question on April 14 by the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin). All I said about the number of employees that might be laid off is this:

However, there has been no indication that any number of the size to which the Hon. Member is referring are to be laid off.

That being 3,000. There is no similarity between that and saying there will be few if any jobs lost, Mr. Speaker.

I submit that we should not continue to allow Members asking questions in this House to make completely false statements leading up to the questions they ask, such as occurred last Friday with the Hon. Member for York South—Weston. Whether it was deliberate or not, I am not in a position to say, although surely he could have checked the record to see what I had actually said.

The continuation of these kinds of wrongful allegations of what are supposed to be facts and the asking of questions on their basis should be stopped. I would ask you to make an example of the Hon. Member for York South—Weston, unless he wants to bear his breast and agree that no such statements were ever made by me and promises to be more careful in the future with respect to the way in which he asks questions.

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the beginning of the Minister's intervention, I did catch the latter part. I only regret that the Minister did not have the common courtesy to ensure that I was in the House to hear all of his submissions.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nunziata: Having said that, Mr. Speaker, on Friday I asked a question—