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to speak, and I will stand up and defend that right. No gentlemen's agreement should be allowed to overrule the few remaining rights members have in the house.

**Mr. Rapp:** Mr. Speaker, I was not one of those who met with the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) but I am sure the minister acted with every good intention and it was just a case that he did not put it on the record. I fully accept his explanation.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Grégoire:** On that same question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that reference has been made to a misuse of the rules and to a breach of a gentleman's agreement, I would like to say this: In the past, I have been house leader of my party, of the party to which I belonged, and I always respected any agreement made between house leaders—and the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) was there then and the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) was also a party to them—and I am ready to continue respecting any such agreements so long as they are made known. And in the past, Mr. Speaker, when I held that position, if an agreement was reached and we were not in the house, we were advised. And when certain members of the group were not present in the house, I notified them. But today, I was not informed, we were not informed, we were not even aware of it and, had we been informed, we would have respected the agreement. But, not only did I use my right to speak but, I do not believe I have broken any agreement,

because I was not a party to such agreement and I was not even made aware of it. Let us be made aware of such agreements and I shall respect them. But I do not accept at all the statement of the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre to that effect.

*[English]*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If the Chair may have the last word, I would simply like to read into the record the motion which was submitted to the house this afternoon:

Mr. Pickersgill, seconded by Mr. Turner, moved, pursuant to standing order 6(2), that the house continue to sit after 6 p.m.

Standing order 6(2) says:

● (10:30 p.m.)

6(2) An extended sitting under the provisions of this section, unless a closing time has been specified, shall not be terminated except by the adoption of a motion to adjourn and Mr. Speaker shall not deem that a motion to adjourn the house has been made by virtue of the operation of any other standing order.

I am in agreement with the minister and with others that there has been a very unfortunate misunderstanding. I certainly concur with the suggestion made by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) that we should not see a repetition of the very unfortunate circumstances of which we have been witnesses.

I understand a motion has been made by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) seconded by the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Turner) that this house do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.35 p.m.