

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, in his response the parliamentary secretary indicated that if any other member wanted to receive the information he or she could. I think the understanding was that if any individual wanted to obtain the information he or she would be able to do so.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I therefore take note that this question is withdrawn from the Order Paper.

I would now like to come back to the question raised by the Hon. House Leader of the Opposition. The Chair is not insensitive to the concerns expressed by the hon. member. Other members have already raised the same concerns, in particular the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River.

The more general question is now before the Committee on House Management and I am sure that the Hon. House Leader of the Opposition will follow very closely the representations made to that committee, as will the Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your intervention and we will certainly pursue that at the appropriate time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on another subject matter.

On April 29, 1993, as reported in *Hansard* at page 18680, my colleague from Saint-Henri—Westmount rose on a question of privilege concerning comments which were made during Question Period. The Speaker then indicated that he would examine the “blues” and report back to the House.

I supported my colleague in his intervention and reminded the Chair about the seriousness of the issue at hand and that I would duly like the House to be informed. I believe the Speaker said at that time:

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I want to say to the hon. House leader for Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition the Chair recognizes it is a serious matter. We have had to deal with these things in the past.

If I feel it is necessary to have further argument or further comment I will give sufficient notice.

I have not heard from Mr. Speaker with regard to this question. I am wondering whether or not I could flag that for the Speaker or perhaps for the Clerk who might want to apprise me by telephone of what he intends to do with regard to this particular matter. More appropriately the Speaker could rejoin us in the Chamber to give us his views with regard to the matter that my colleague from Saint-Henri—Westmount has raised.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would like to remind the House that the comment referred to by the Hon. House Leader of the Opposition concerned a committee report which has not yet been officially presented to the House. Therefore the Speaker will not comment before the House is presented with the report to which the hon. member refers.

• (1530)

[English]

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, as usual the Chair is correct. The Chair did not receive the report to which my colleague for Saint-Henri—Westmount made reference on Thursday, April 29, 1993.

If the Chair were to check the record, I believe it would see that the report of the committee has been tabled. If that is the case, I am wondering whether or not the Chair would at that time take a look at it and confer sufficient notice to members so that we may take a look at the matter.

If I am incorrect and the report has not been tabled, I suggest to the Chair the report will be tabled within the next number of days and I would like to revisit the particular matter. I would like to have sufficient notice in order that we may pursue the subject matter at the most appropriate time and to deal with the question of privilege my colleague has raised.

I am not seeking clarification from the Chair today. I am seeking from the Chair a clear, unequivocal undertaking that when the report is tabled it will trigger the question of privilege my colleague for Saint-Henri—Westmount has raised and we will be given every opportunity either to buttress or to add further arguments to a lock-stock case with regard to the question of privilege so we can assist the Chair in adjudicating a