



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. SANTOS, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, reported progress having been made on June 19, 2000.

IN THE COMMITTEE

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Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

The following Bills were, by leave, respectively introduced, had the purposes outlined thereof and were read a First Time:

(No. 4) – The Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

(Hon. Mr. DOER)

(No. 17) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

(Hon. Mr. DOER)

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

During Oral Questions on Thursday, May 18, 2000, I took under advisement a point of order raised by the Deputy Government House Leader concerning the use of the word "dishonest" allegedly spoken by the Honourable Member for Tuxedo while addressing a question. The Deputy Government House Leader and the Official Opposition House Leader spoke to the point of order. I took the matter under advisement to peruse Hansard and to consult the procedural authorities.

I thank both House Leaders for their contributions to the point of order.

Although the word "dishonest" has been ruled unparliamentary in the past, it is important to look at the context in which the word is being used. In reviewing Hansard, on page 1260, the Honourable Member for Tuxedo is reported as saying "that statement is not only misleading, it is downright dishonest." In this case, the remarks were not directed specifically towards a Member but by implication to the comments of a Member, therefore it is difficult for me as the Speaker to request that the words be withdrawn.

However, I would like to point out that the use of the word did create disorder in the House, and I would also point out that it is not good practice to be using words that have been subject to interventions by the Chair and to withdrawals in the past. I would therefore request that the Honourable Member for Tuxedo, and all Members of the House, select their words with care.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. HELWER, MARTINDALE, TWEED and NEVAKSHONOFF and Mrs. DACQUAY made Members' Statements.

Mr. Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.