

SPEAKER'S RULING

Question of Privilege – Leaks of Auditor General's Report

Extract from the Journals:

Pursuant to rule 13-5(1), the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the question of privilege of the Honourable Senator Hervieux-Payette, P.C., concerning leaks to the media on the contents of the Auditor General's report on Senators' expenses.

Debate.

The Honourable the Speaker ruled that a *prima facie* case of privilege had been established.

The Honourable Senator Hervieux-Payette, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Fraser:

That this case of privilege, relating to the leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of the Senate, be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament for an independent inquiry to be ordered and a report publicly released without delay.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.