

Robin on Reflection & given that Dale Campbell Savours was appointed
vs the Select Committee on Members' Interests last night I have
decided on this course of action. I hope it will ensure
that this man issue will be removed from the floor of the chamber & hopefully
finally killed off !!



Mr Speaker

Speaker's House Westminster London SW1A 0AA

9th February 1984

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Looking again at the point you raised in the House after my ruling given on Monday 30 January - namely, whether from the standpoint of declaring an interest, the answer to a question should be distinguished from the question itself - I have concluded that this matter would best be considered in the first instance by the Select Committee on Members' Interests, and that you ought properly to raise it with them.

That Committee is specifically required by Standing Order No. 107

"to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests"

I would therefore think it entirely appropriate for you to raise the matter in the Committee - to which I see you have now been appointed - with a view to seeing whether the present rules need to be extended.

I am quite clear in my own mind that no distinction should be made between backbenchers asking questions and front benchers answering them; and I have already stated that the rules of the House should apply equally to all Members. I am content for the Select Committee to report on the matter in the way they think best.

SPEAKER

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From the Principal Private Secretary

10 February 1984

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I should be very grateful if you could thank the Speaker for his courtesy in sending me a copy of his letter of 9 February to Mr. Campbell-Savours, M.P. I will of course show this to the Prime Minister.

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