

"Now, what my point of order is, is the Chair now saying we cannot discuss the aspect of this resolution that is pending before the House?"

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, responded to the point of order, and said:

"The question is not necessarily merely one of relevance. The question is one of personalities and decorum in debate. Members must avoid personalities within the meaning of rule XIV and the precedents thereunder."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, directed the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] to proceed in order.

¶117.28 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BONIOR further addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"The gentleman is referring to matters appropriately before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and he is explicitly out of order."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair sustains the point of order, and personal references to the Speaker are out of order.

"The gentleman [Mr. BONIOR] may proceed in order."

¶117.29 POINT OF ORDER

Ms. DELAURO, during debate addressed the House and, during the course of her remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and she is specifically ignoring the rules of the House."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair sustains the point of order. The gentlewoman [Ms. DELAURO] must proceed in order."

¶117.30 POINT OF ORDER

Ms. DELAURO further addressed the House and, during the course of her remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, further point of order. The gentlewoman is now referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct with respect to the outside counsel and she is explicitly ignoring the rules of the House."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair again sustains the point of order and requests the gentlewoman [Ms. DELAURO] in the well to proceed in order."

¶117.31 POINT OF ORDER

Ms. DELAURO further addressed the House and, during the course of her remarks,

Mr. SOLOMON made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, this is not an adjournment resolution. The gentlewoman is out of order."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"For reasons previously stated, the Chair sustains the gentleman's point of order."

¶117.32 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BONIOR, during debate addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"The gentleman is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. He is ignoring the House rules one more time. At what point, Mr. Speaker, do we go back to regular order, to obeying the House rules so we can conduct our business?"

Mr. BONIOR was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I did not interrupt the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] when he made point of order reference to the work that he was doing in the subcommittee, because I thought it was important for this body to hear.

"I merely cite point of order citation of the report that they made Thursday to make this point: And that is that the people of the sixth district of Georgia have a right to know what this body and what the outside counsel will determine on a candidate who is running for office in that district. And it is wrong for this body and this institution to adjourn and to give the authority to adjourn to the person whose case is before this body."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair sustains the gentleman's [Mr. LINDER] point of order against the gentleman from Michigan's [Mr. BONIOR] remarks. The time of the gentleman has expired."

¶117.33 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, during debate addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is referring to matters before the Committee on standards of Official Conduct, which is explicitly forbidden by House rules."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair will sustain the gentleman's [Mr. LINDER] point of order. The gentleman [Mr. LEWIS of Georgia] in the well will proceed in order."

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, this is unbelievable. This is unreal. This is out of the ordinary. Why can't a Member, all of the Members, not read from a report of a standing committee of this body?"

"I would like to continue, because I believe we have a mandate, a mission, and a moral obligation."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, responded, and said:

"The Chair has sustained the point of order, and the gentleman [Mr. LEWIS of Georgia] may proceed in order on his own time."

¶117.34 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, further addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"The gentleman is continuing to refer to matters in spite of recent admonitions by the Chair that he is not complying with the House rules. He continues to abuse the House rules referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair sustains the point of order."

¶117.35 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, further addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. LINDER made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct one more time. This is the third or fourth admonition by the Chair. Apparently, he does not understand the rules. Would you please explain them one more time?"

Ms. JACKSON-LEE was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, what I am having difficulty in understanding from the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER], the document that the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS] in the well is speaking about is a public document, and I am trying to understand, Mr. Speaker, why there would be any ruling that would disagree with any Member being allowed to be in the well of the House speaking to a public document and requesting a procedural amendment while we are in the midst of discussing an adjournment resolution.

"I believe that the gentleman [Mr. LEWIS] is appropriate in his remarks."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The Chair is prepared to rule. The Chair will repeat the prior ruling. Matters pending before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct regarding the official conduct of sitting Members may not be debated on the floor where there is not pending a question of the privileges of the House.

"This has been the consistent ruling of the Chair in this and prior Congresses. The fact that the committee may have issued an interim status report does not justify such references in