

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES : MOTION BY PRIME
MINISTER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
23RD SEPTEMBER, 1955

"That the House agrees with the Committee that the advertisement in question involved a breach of Parliamentary Privilege.

That in the opinion of the House the said advertisement was also defamatory of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, in that it falsely represented him as using his parliamentary position to advertise a commercial product.

That while the House accepts the Committee's finding that the advertisement was published without malice, and recognises that most of those concerned with its publication have made suitable apologies, it is of opinion that it should record its censure of the advertisement and its reprimand to those concerned in its publication, namely :-

Mr. Robert Lindsay Abbott, Managing Director,
British Motor Corporation (Australia) Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Peter Fairfax Smyth, Chairman of Directors,
Arthur Smyth & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Keith Rupert Murdoch, Managing Director,
News Limited, "The Australian".

Mr. David Noel Bowman, Managing Editor, "The
Canberra Times"

Mr. Edmund George Alfred Hallett, General Manager,
Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate
Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Basil Alfred Williams, Managing Editor,
"The Advertiser".

Mr. Theodor Charles Bray, Editor-in-Chief,
"Courier Mail".

Sir John Francis Williams, Chairman and Managing
Director, Herald and Weekly Times Limited, "Sun
News-Pictorial".

Mr. David Ramsay McNicoll, Editor-in-Chief,
Australian Consolidated Press, "Daily Telegraph".

Mr. George Francis Davies, Chairman of Directors,
Davies Brothers Limited, "The Mercury".

That in the opinion of the House those newspapers who published the advertisement should publish this resolution in full."
