

*Oral Questions*

or propose any diminution of safety as a result. In fact, it is quite the opposite.

As a fall-out from the Dubin Inquiry, steps have been taken to beef up the safety standards by passage of the Aeronautics Act and the Canada Shipping Act, another piece of legislation that will enhance safety in the marine sector. Further, the promulgation of the transportation of dangerous goods provisions last July was a further manifestation of the high priority the Government places on safety. Finally, the federal Government and the provinces have agreed to work toward developing a national safety code for the trucking industry, so I think that that is clear evidence.

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**THE ADMINISTRATION**

## REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Earlier today the Deputy Prime Minister said that what had happened was an accidental crossing of wires. I have a copy of the transcript in question in my hand so would the Prime Minister not agree that the words used were:

There was a method by which we knew every Wednesday what was said in the Liberal caucus word for bloody word.

Would the Prime Minister not agree that there has been enough doubt raised by what the Deputy Prime Minister said earlier and what the transcript indicates to ask the Deputy Prime Minister to step aside until the Prime Minister investigates—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Order, please. I already indicated that questions that had been put on this matter would not be allowed to be repeated.

**Mr. Young:** Supplementary, Mr. Speaker? Come on!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Hamilton East.

## INQUIRY OF THE PRIME MINISTER

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Given the already high degree of public cynicism that exists with respect to politicians, does the Prime Minister not recognize that his failure to take any action on this absolute and total abuse of parliamentary privilege by his own Deputy Prime Minister and the man who was supposed to—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Order. The Hon. Member knows that she cannot say those things without being in violation of the orders of the House regarding casting aspersions on the character of another Member. Therefore, I will recognize the next Hon. Member.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member for York East.

**Ms. Copps:** You're in step with the Government.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Now the Hon. Member is casting aspersions on the Chair.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I do not propose to do anything about it because I understand that tempers are high today, but Hon. Members must understand that the reason there are rules with regard to privilege and the casting of aspersions is to protect everyone in the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Therefore, I think the Hon. Member, if she—

**Mr. Prud'homme:** He set the standard in 1963 and 1964.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis will please come to order. The Hon. Member for York East had the floor.

**Ms. Copps:** I had a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have given the floor to the Hon. Member for York East.

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**ENERGY**

## PRICE OF OIL—STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO LEADER OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I understand that today the Leader of the New Democratic Party, the Hon. Member for Oshawa, stated in Calgary that Canada needs a regulated price for oil to ensure that the industry gets enough revenue to allow development while assuring fair prices at the same time. Will the Minister advise the House if she agrees with this comment which appears to call for higher energy prices?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I was wondering why members of the NDP were so silent on the issue of gas pricing today. It shows what hypocrites they are, when in the House they talk about lower prices for consumers and—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think, given today's context, I must ask the Hon. Minister to withdraw that.

**Miss Carney:** Mr. Speaker, I accede to your demand and I withdraw the word "hypocrite". I would ask if "two-faced" is acceptable.