

Point of Order—Mr. Deans

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the word, but I still want to say that I really have difficulty accepting the double standard of the former Minister of the Environment.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mazankowski: You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

Mr. Speaker: I do not know what everybody did this morning.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

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CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, February 27, 1985, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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POINT OF ORDER

WITHDRAWAL OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE BY MR.
MAZANKOWSKI

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) has a point of order.

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, would you consider reading the response by the Minister with regard to your direction to withdraw the word he used? My understanding of the rules is that you must withdraw unequivocally words that are offensive without explanation. It is becoming a habit now that people are replacing the words that they used which were inappropriate with explanations to satisfy their own end.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): What do you mean, it is becoming a habit?

Mr. Deans: It is becoming a habit.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Give us some evidence.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member will understand that I am in a moderate quandary because he is right, but to allow comment on the matter would be equally improper. Perhaps Members will read the rules on the matter.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government House Leader to give us the program of business for the next several days.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Queen's Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I thank the House Leader for the Official Opposition. If the House Leader for the New Democratic Party would only give the same sane advice to his own Leader with respect to parliamentary language, this place would be a lot better off.

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I interrupt the proceedings to ask the President of the Privy Council to stay within the bounds of the question.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, this afternoon the House will continue consideration at second reading of Bill C-24, an Act to amend the Oil Substitution and Conservation Act and the Canadian Home Insulation Program Act.

Tomorrow the first item of business will be the Bill which is to be introduced later today by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, an Act to amend the Indian Act. There have been discussions between the Party representatives and I believe there is an inclination to complete second reading and send the Bill to committee for study tomorrow. Depending upon when debate is concluded on that bill, Mr. Speaker, the second order of business will be Bill C-24.

On Monday, if Bill C-24 has not previously been passed, I will once again be calling it for debate. The back-up Bill will be an Act to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act which will be introduced by the Minister of State for Finance later today.

I would like to designate next Tuesday at the fifth allotted day in the current period of supply. On Wednesday next the business will be the same as I have just announced for Monday.

Pursuant to the order of the House passed earlier this week, the House will not sit next Thursday in order that the Secretary General of the United Nations may address a joint session of the House and Senate at three in the afternoon. As always, Mr. Speaker, we will monitor the progress made and announce changes to the business of the House as may be required.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, today I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the first