

Statement by Minister

suggestion that there may have been a breach of security or that this particular document might have been obtained from a Member's office.

I have listened carefully to the Hon. Member for The Battlefords—Meadow Lake (Mr. Gormley). I thank him for the clarification which he gave. I will look into the matter carefully and report back to the House.

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POINT OF ORDER

ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Earlier in the Question Period the Hon. Member for The Battlefords—Meadow Lake (Mr. Gormley) made reference to the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay—Nipigon (Mr. Epp) and used the term "deceitful" in his representation. As you will know, Mr. Speaker, and as the Hon. Member well knows, the term "deceitful" or the use of the word "deceit" according to Beauchesne's Fifth Edition is a term which we have agreed is unparliamentary. I simply ask the Hon. Member to withdraw that term.

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, in reference to the use of my language, I did indeed use the word "deceitful". I know that it is a time-honoured parliamentary tradition that one talks about a dispute of fact. The material in the letter was adjudged by me to be deceitful and dishonest. I know that it is not appropriate to use that language. Thus I would withdraw the use of the word "deceitful".

Mr. Speaker: I wish to thank the Hon. Member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STATUS OF WOMEN

TABLING OF 1986-87 ANNUAL REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of State responsible for the status of women, pursuant to Standing Order 67, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, the 1986-87 Annual Report of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I am tabling, in both official languages, the Government's response to petitions, Nos. 332-3118, 332-3133, 332-3148, 332-3220, 332-3234, 332-3235, 332-3241, 332-3242 and 332-3244.

I wish to make it very clear that Petition No. 332-3220 tabled by the Hon. Member for Comox—Powell River (Mr. Skelly) was certified on July 22, 1986, and submitted to the House on October 1, 1987.

Petition No. 332-3241—

Mr. Riis: So what?

Mr. Lewis: I will tell the Hon. Member what. There are three petitions all with respect to the decommissioning of lighthouses in British Columbia.

Mr. Manly: A very important issue!

Mr. Lewis: Right, it is a very important issue. Members of the public who sign these petitions have every right to think that they will be tabled in the House properly and quickly—

Mr. Riis: Properly? They were tabled properly.

Mr. Lewis: —and have a Government response, which we are giving.

Mr. Riis: It is not for you to determine when we can table a petition. What arrogance!

Mr. Lewis: Fair enough.

Petition No. 332-3148 regarding the transfer of dangerous goods in the Vancouver Harbour certified on November 28, 1986, by the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Ms. Mitchell), was tabled in the House on September 25, 1987.

Mr. Riis: You cannot control everything in the House.

Mr. Lewis: The Government is responding to all of those petitions within 45 days.

Mr. Riis: Big deal!

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

COMMEMORATION OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Hon. George Hees (Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Senior Citizens)): Mr. Speaker, as it will be necessary for me to leave tomorrow for Europe to take part in various remembrance services on that continent, representing