

**Mr. Boudria:** It goes on and on. The minister across the way says that is Stevie Cameron. If it came to believing Stevie Cameron versus the hon. government House leader across the floor, I know who I would believe. I would believe Stevie Cameron.

**Mr. Andre:** You two have fun swimming around in the mud together.

**Mr. Boudria:** Madam Speaker, I do not think I have said anything unparliamentary and perhaps the minister could do the same. He may not like what I am saying, but it does not mean that it is untrue. I have not accused him personally of anything wrong.

**Mr. Andre:** I haven't heard any truths yet.

**Mr. Boudria:** Madam Speaker, I will go on here with quotes from other newspaper articles. From March 24, 1989: Claude Levasseur, campaign manager in the riding of Trois-Rivières was convicted in Quebec provincial court of influence peddling. The court was told that Mr. Levasseur appointed land surveyer Jean-Marie Chasténay of Cap-de-la-Madelaine and requested a \$2,500 kickback for a \$50,000 contract accorded to Chasténay. Chasténay taped the conversation with Levasseur and turned it over to the police. That person entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced.

The Prime Minister is going to say it is not true, I suppose.

**Mr. Andre:** What constituency was he from?

**Mr. Boudria:** What constituency? I am glad the minister asked. He is the campaign manager and partner even today of a cabinet minister across the way. He is still a partner with him or was as late as three weeks ago. The minister across the way wonders what he does.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Michel Champagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry):** Madam Speaker, I have been listening very closely to my colleague for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell and I find the connection he is trying to make between a case which was adjudicated and the present case involving a minister of the Crown to be far-fetched.

Knowing my colleague for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, I am sure he does not mean to insinuate that there might be something more to it since he could say it

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outside of this House. However, for the time being, I think that he should stick to what was said and avoid inuendos concerning the implication of a minister of the Crown in a case that was heard and adjudicated without the said minister or ordinary citizen at the time being called to testify in any way whatever as there was no indictment at the time. I think that the member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell should be extremely careful when he makes such remarks.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** In view of the subject matter of the motion brought forward today by the hon. member, I think that the latter part of the observations by the hon. member for Champlain is filled with wisdom and that it would be desirable at all times for everyone, on either side of the House and from all three parties, to be extremely careful not to make accusations which cannot be substantiated.

**Mr. Boudria:** Madam Speaker, I agree with the point raised by my colleague for Champlain. I did not say that in that case the minister had been charged. But, granted, his point is well taken.

[*English*]

As it pertains to that particular person and I agree.

I now wish to turn to the broad question of public sector ethics and morals. At the request of the hon. member for Beauséjour, I have prepared a platform document on what our party proposes to do on that issue and I want to share it with the House of Commons.

Here are some of the recommendations and I will read some of them into the record. It is my view and the view of my colleagues, that the recommendations on the special joint committee on conflict of interest should be adopted. That has been on the Order Paper now for close to four years and it has gone through two different times of dying on the Order Paper. It has been reintroduced and it was the subject of a special committee and has been left lying there for six months.

I also believe that the spouse of a member of Parliament ought to be required to disclose assets on his or her own part. I believe that a special committee should be struck to study and report on the salaries and benefits of legislators. I believe that the Department of Supply and Services and Public Works should be merged to form a federal department of government services in an effort to reduce cost.