

Privilege—Mr. Heap

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Heap: I am trying to learn the rules of the House and I do not think I should take instruction from the hon. member for Bow River because he does not seem sure himself.

Mr. McDermid: He has a lot more experience than you do.

Mr. Heap: I understand he has a great deal of experience, but he does not seem to have learned from it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Heap: Madam Speaker, what is at stake is not my personal feelings or those of the hon. member for Bow River; it is a question of the rules of the House, and I would leave the matter in your hands.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member is absolutely right, the word "fabrication" also appears on the list. Therefore, I have no other choice but to ask the hon. member for Bow River to withdraw those expressions.

Mr. Taylor: Madam Speaker, when the hon. member starts showing respect, then he will get respect. It was a lie, it is still a lie, and I am not going to lie by saying it is not.

Madam Speaker: So the hon. member refuses to withdraw those expressions?

Mr. Taylor: I said I would replace it with "fabrication".

Madam Speaker: I just told the hon. member that "fabrication" also appears on the list of unparliamentary expressions. Does the hon. member withdraw those expressions which he used yesterday and today in the House?

Mr. Taylor: I will use the word "mendaciousness", then. Replace it with "mendaciousness."

Madam Speaker: I am sorry, I am asking the hon. member to withdraw, not to substitute another word. If he will not withdraw, he will understand that I have no other choice but to name him.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I regret intervening again. However, I submit to you our rules are not so rigid that there is only one option. Members have, through many, many years in the House, been permitted to substitute an offensive expression with something which is not unparliamentary, which substitution has for many years constituted sufficient withdrawal. In my submission, if the hon. member for Bow River, wishes to withdraw the word "fabrication" and the word "lies" and substitute the word "mendacity", I submit that is sufficient compliance with the rules of Parliament.

Madam Speaker: I would agree with the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). If the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) will follow the suggestion of the hon. member for Yukon, I will accept that.

Mr. Taylor: Madam Speaker, I said I would substitute it with the word "mendacity".

Madam Speaker: The hon. member withdraws the two previous expressions? I am afraid that has to be done.

Mr. Taylor: Put it right over the top of it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PETITIONS

MR. SCHELLENBERGER—SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT LEDUC AREA RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of my constituents. The purpose of this petition, signed by 1,300 citizens of Leduc and district in the constituency of Wetaskiwin is to urge the government to increase and upgrade the safety equipment at all Leduc area railway crossings. This action is prompted by the occurrences of railway accidents in that area. The petition urges that all railway crossings be equipped with adequate safeguards as rapidly as possible, and that the enforcement of the relevant regulations be rendered more effective.

The petitioners hope you will find the petition in order and will note the great urgency of the circumstances leading up to it, and ask that you use the powers of your office to allow discussion and referral to committee as soon as possible.

MR. McGRATH—ESTABLISHMENT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition sponsored by the St. John's Jaycees and signed by 72,000 citizens of Newfoundland. The petition points out the hazardous conditions prevailing in the northwest Atlantic, which was tragically highlighted by the sinking of the oil rig *Ocean Ranger* with the loss of 82 lives. It points out the dangers to the men who work on these oil rigs, and the men and women who work off the Newfoundland shore in our fisheries and other offshore industries. It also points out the lack of protection our people have at the present time. Your petitioners humbly pray that Parliament directs the government to establish full search and rescue capability in Newfoundland so that its citizens can enjoy the same degree of protection enjoyed by Canadian citizens who work offshore in the maritime provinces.

MR. GREENAWAY—REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL OF GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 805 citizens and owners of firearms in the Cariboo-Chilcotin riding of British Columbia. The purpose of this petition is to protest the