Mr. Beatty: Second, that the views expressed in the letter-

Ms. Copps: That is an outrage! That's a lie! I was-

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Beatty: —that the views expressed in the letter did not represent—

Ms. Copps: Don't make these statements in this House. You're a liar!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Send her back to kindergarten.

Some Hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some Hon. Members: Out, out!

Mr. Speaker: Will the House come to order, please?

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Mr. Speaker: Order! The Hon. Member for York South-Weston will come to order, and the House will come to order, now!

The Hon. Member for Hamilton East knows full well that I have no choice but to ask her to withdraw immediately and unequicovally what she has just said. I therefore invite her to withdraw the statement she has just made now.

Ms. Copps: The smear campaign by the Minister-

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Where is the Leader of the Opposition?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): This is sub judice.

Ms. Copps: Okay, Mr. Speaker, under the circumstances, because of my respect for the House, I will withdraw to the Speaker.

Mr. Beatty: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): What else are you going to say?

Mr. Beatty: Secondly, the constable indicates that those two Members of this House have no authority to speak on her behalf, and that the allegations which they make in their letter are false.

Some Hon. Members: Shame!

Oral Questions

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Why don't you let it be investigated?

Mr. Beatty: Third, the constable herself asks that the letter be withdrawn—

Mr. Nunziata: You're trying to influence the decision.

Mr. Beatty: —a request which I think the Hon. Members, in honour, should meet, along with extending their apologies for this gross invasion of a distinguished member's—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: Withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry.

Mr. Rossi: Everybody knows it's fixed. It's a fixed question and you know it.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—REPORTS ON COSTS AND BENEFITS

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I have a question—

Mr. Rossi: Fixed.

Some Hon. Members: Quiet.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Yesterday his Secretary of State for External Affairs, in something of a religious confessional, said that no one understood him or his Government's trade policy, which is not surprising.

Mr. Crosbie: Why don't you have your Leader explain it again?

Mr. Axworthy: Does the Prime Minister not think that if there is some misunderstanding it is because his Government has been very secretive about the facts relating to the trade strategy? It refuses to reveal any of the reports prepared by it on the costs and benefits, jobs, and other economic impacts. So I would ask the Prime Minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I take it the Hon. Member has asked a question?

Mr. Axworthy: Pardon me?

Mr. Speaker: I take it he has asked one question?

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, I am asking the question.

Mr. Speaker: I take it he has asked the question?

Mr. Axworthy: No, I am asking the question now.