

*Point of Order—Mr. Malépart*

**Mr. de Jong:** You were not listening. You do not listen to the pensioners. You listen to no one.

**Mr. Mulroney:** The Progressive Conservative Party takes a back seat to no one, least of all the NDP, when it comes to protecting the environment.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mulroney:** No one has any lessons to learn from you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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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 Monday, June 10, 1985, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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**Mr. Speaker:** I am in receipt of a notice of a question of privilege from the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

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[Translation]

## POINTS OF ORDER

## CONFORMITY WITH RULES OF PRIME MINISTER'S REMARK

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I wish you would ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to withdraw what he said about me this afternoon and on another occasion last week. Last week, I decided to let the matter pass, but today, for the second time, the Right Hon. Prime Minister has called me a hypocrite.

Mr. Speaker, I may remind you, with respect, that in Beauchesne's, on page 108, chapter 7—

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Hon. Member making a presentation on language in the House?

**Mr. Malépart:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The kind of language used by another Hon. Member?

**Mr. Malépart:** The language used by the Right Hon. Prime Minister in referring to me.

**Mr. Speaker:** So in fact, this is a point of order.

**Mr. Malépart:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a point of order. As I said before, for the second time, the Right Hon.

Prime Minister used unparliamentary language as defined in Beauchesne's on page 108, chapter 7. For the second time, the Right Hon. Prime Minister called me a hypocrite.

Mr. Speaker, if you would allow me to show that what the Right Hon. Prime Minister said about me is not true, because I have official papers to prove that he is mistaken—

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, I think you should just ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister to withdraw what he said.

**Mr. Speaker:** What did he say?

**Mr. Malépart:** "Hypocrite."

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry I missed the word, so there is a complaint. It was the word—?

**Mr. Malépart:** "Hypocrite."

**Mr. Speaker:** Very well.

[English]

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to prolong this—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An Hon. Member:** Defend him.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I think the Hon. Member would be the first to agree that he probably is the last person in this House to rise on a point of order about unparliamentary language.

**Mr. Deans:** That is immaterial.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** He has been yelling across the floor of this House more unparliamentary terms in this session than anybody I have seen in the course of my parliamentary career.

**An Hon. Member:** What about Nunziata?

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I would suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that when the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), as I recall, makes reference to statements made in that context as being hypocritical, that is not unparliamentary.

There are many, many instances when that has been ruled not only not to be a question of privilege but also it is clearly not a legitimate point of order because it makes reference to things being hypocritical, as opposed to referring to a Member being a hypocrite, which I will desist from saying.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members will know that the use of the word "hypocrite" has been ruled both parliamentary and unparliamentary. There is no word itself which is unparliamentary; there is only a contextual circumstance in which language can be used in an unparliamentary way. What I heard amid the noise was an accusation made against what I thought were members of a political Party and not a specific Member. Had it been made against a specific Member, then I would have had a different position.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.