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**Mr. McCurdy:** I am sorry. If the Hon. Member would listen to what I am saying, then perhaps we could debate what I am saying rather than some presumption of what I am saying.

It has been suggested, both in this House and outside the Chamber, that the only reason for rejecting the New Democratic Party's proposition was that in the last phrase it suggested that we reject the policy of the previous administration. That does not justify the complete butchering of the resolution. At this stage of the game we are dealing with politics superimposed upon politics, and the proper resolution is for us to adopt the resolution of the New Democratic Party.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I was to be helped by this intervention! The NDP motion, in fact, could be put in three lines. One line would accept the resolution and the rest would deal with the problem of blaming the previous administration for many of its initiatives which have been supported. Now the Hon. Member is complaining because there is a procedural difficulty which was created by the NDP. It wants to make some political points in the debate. We had to deal with that situation this morning, when the amendment, which was proposed by the Leader of the Opposition, was rejected by the Speaker. We wanted to incorporate into the debate the agenda for future talks. It was the only way we could do it.

If the NDP, rather than playing politics earlier today, had limited its resolution to what the Hon. Member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. McCurdy) is asking at this time, that perhaps would have been a bigger problem for us. Now we have to cope with that. As we have done traditionally, we will come up with something positive rather than play politics. That is exactly what we have done, and the NDP will have to live with it.

**Mr. Langdon:** Mr. Speaker, one hesitates to enter a debate about political hypocrisy with the Liberal Party.

It seems to me that the motion which we have placed on the Order Paper effectively asks the House of Commons to do what no Government in Canada—whether that of the Liberal Party or that of the new Government of the Right Hon. Member for Manicouagan (Mr. Mulroney)—has been prepared to do, that is, to vote along with the great majority of other countries in the United Nations for the specific commitment to a nuclear freeze. I would ask the Hon. Member Saint-Maurice (Mr. Chrétien) if in fact he is not—in his attempt to obscure the past record of his Government—the one who is really playing politics with this issue.

The Liberal Party should be prepared to stand up, as it did when it was in power, and admit that it would not vote for the United Nations resolution. It is not politics on our part, it is the politics of that Party when it was in government. Does the former Minister not have the honesty to admit that it was the politics of his Party when it was in government and therefore it should be the position which it is forced to hold when out of government?

**Mr. Chrétien:** It is easy for me to reply—

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** I must remind the Hon. Member for Saint-Maurice (Mr. Chrétien) that he has only two minutes left.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Fine, Mr. Speaker. I will be glad to limit myself with two minutes.

[*English*]

I would like to reply to the Member. It was not me who started to talk about the motion being too political; it was his own House Leader who said that in this House a few minutes ago. When he was speaking on the Speaker's ruling, he said that the last line should not have been there. It is not our doing. The Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett) said the same thing. It is not I who said it. I am just stating what they said. We want disarmament. We want a freeze. We say that in our resolution. We want a freeze to be agreed upon immediately by the superpowers.

**Mr. Hovdebo:** You voted against it.

**Mr. Chrétien:** No. If the Hon. Member read my motion, he would see that we are proposing—

**Mr. McCurdy:** Your motion does not say that. I have read the amendment.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Yes, I am sorry that I am not very good, but the Member must read the resolution. I am sure the Member has not read the amendment. Read it.

**Mr. Gauthier:** He's just like Crosbie. He never reads the document.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Yes, he is just like the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) who never reads his documents. He can read it and after that he can ask his question. Again, the poor NDP is playing politics. It had a chance to do something positive but could not resist the perpetual temptation to play politics with everything including peace.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** The period for questions and comments is now terminated.

**Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph):** Mr. Speaker, may I begin by saying that this day had been quite an education for a new Member. It has been a day not marked particularly by courtesy in the House. It is a day when we seem to be more content with hooting and hollering than in addressing the significant issue which is before us.

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

**Mr. Winegard:** Although I have been on my feet in the House before, this is my first opportunity to speak at length. I have looked forward to this occasion for some weeks.

Before discussing the resolution, I would like to congratulate the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) on his return to the House. Thousands of Canadians were sorry to see him leave Parliament eight years ago, including me.