

Party are based on spending. The hell with spending! It does not matter how much you spend; what matters is to get reelected.

Mr. Malépart: Bissonnette and Stevens never spent money?

Mr. Blais: With the Laprade fund, you wasted \$100 million building picnic tables and painting churches. The money we spend is used to create permanent jobs in all Quebec ridings, in the Beauce area, in Bellechasse, in Quebec East, in Vaudreuil, that is what we tried to do. It is easy for you to try to flatter the humble people as you call them. I see you are laughing. I do not know if you are laughing at them, but we do respect them.

Mr. Rossi: What do you have against churches?

Mr. Blais: We should begin by balancing the budget of those people and act in such way that our expenditures which have been increasing for years, the huge deficit burdening Canadian taxpayers—

Mr. Rossi: What do you have against churches?

Mr. Malépart: Do you want an answer? Are you afraid of it?

Mr. Blais: This is a comment. I am asking you the following simple question.

Mr. Rossi: What do you have against churches? Tell it to your bishop!

Mr. Blais: I have nothing against churches!

Mr. Rossi: This is not what you have just said!

Mr. Blais: I met my bishop last week and I am in a state of grace!

Mr. Rossi: In a state of grace!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order. In all fairness, I will give a minute to the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) to conclude before resuming debate.

Mr. Malépart: Madam Speaker, that will be enough, after having heard such inane talk. There are a million and a half unemployed, a million and a half jobless—

Mr. Blais: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sorry, the Chair shall not entertain that point of order. On the other hand, given the comments made by the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie, I shall end the debate as of now.

Mr. Garneau: Why?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Debate. The Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy).

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Mr. Malépart: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Malépart: Madam Speaker, I am no expert on procedural matters, but since when, and I would like someone from the Table to fill you in on this, since when can someone, a Speaker of the House, on the basis of comments such as those, decide to take away a minute of speech time from a Member of the House, once it has been granted? I find your attitude unacceptable and partisan, Madam Speaker—

An Hon. Member: Oh! Oh!

Mr. Malépart: You might consider handing in your resignation!

Mr. Blais: How low can you go?

Mr. Rossi: He is entitled to that minute!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order!

Mrs. Duplessis: But he has no right to insult her!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order, I would like to inform the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) that the extra minute granted him was over and above the normal speech time he was entitled to. I had even deemed appropriate to grant three additional minutes given the debate which had arisen and the numerous points of order. The original questions and comments period following the Hon. Member's speech has been over for six minutes now. I think that the easiest for everybody at this time would be to go back to the debate. The Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) has the floor.

Mr. Malépart: Point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I think there are no points of order at this time, I just interrupted the debate. The Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) has the floor.

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Garneau: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides on a point of order.

Mr. Garneau: Madam Speaker, I heard the comments you made regarding the time allocated for debate. I am rising on this point of order because I am wondering about the reasons which led the Chair to cut short the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) after giving him an extra minute. The reason given by the Chair is that the Hon. Member used a word that the Chair did not like, but I submit that word is not unparliamentary. If the proceedings in this