

of the Chair, when its attention is drawn to certain words used, to determine whether or not they are offensive or disorderly. There is a lot of precedent and practice that language should not be ironical or offensive, nor should it contain ridicule, epithets or innuendo.

It seems to the Chair that the interjections across the Chamber by Members have become more frequent of late and neither side of the House is entirely blameless. Interruptions of another Member while he is speaking are most disruptive. They can confuse the Member who has the floor and can make for a most unpleasant atmosphere in the Chamber. The Chair is requesting Members' co-operation in this area and urges Members to cease shouting out and making interjections in debate when they do not have the floor. If that co-operation is not forthcoming, then the Chair will have to undertake its duties with more vigour, for Standing Order 15 is clear:

The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum—

I conclude by again urging all Hon. Members to show courtesy to their colleagues. That is in keeping with the best traditions of this honourable Chamber.

[*Translation*]

The Hon. Member for Gatineau.

Mrs. Mailly: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So back to our dialogue with the Leader of the NDP Opposition Party.

Mr. Prud'homme: Well now, listen—

An Hon. Member: You are making a speech, not a comment!

Mrs. Mailly: I can hardly hear myself, let alone the answer of the Hon. Member. Well, Sir, I said earlier you were talking about greedy people who want to take every advantage of the Budget. I pointed out that such greedy people would have to include Gatineau's CIP workers who learned yesterday that their plant will be upgraded as a result of the new climate created by the Budget. It is altogether relevant to refer to the Budget job creation climate underlying all our measures, Mr. Speaker. The Budget has to be considered as a whole.

An Hon. Member: That is not what today's motion is all about!

Mrs. Mailly: For their own political considerations all the people you mentioned chose to instil fear in the elderly—

An Hon. Member: Make your speech on your own time.

Mr. Parry: This is ridiculous!

Mrs. Mailly: Just a minute, let me finish, you do the same thing.

Mr. Prud'homme: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) on a point of order.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has every right to our undivided attention, but if she wants us to listen to her she ought to abide by the Standing Orders of the House. She is making a speech. Her comments would be welcome, but if she wants to make a speech we have about—

Mr. Rossi: She should not even have the floor.

Mr. Prud'homme: Just a minute, please. We do have a few hours left for debate. Let her put her name down and we will be here to listen to her and make comments. But if she wants to make a speech, this is not the proper time.

Mr. Rossi: Right on!

● (1210)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With deference for the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme), I would suggest that the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly) tried to make a comment a moment ago but was interrupted—including by the Chair who made a ruling. I think she repeated what she had said, properly so, and like all Hon. Members she is entitled to at least three minutes of the question period. I would invite the Hon. Member for Gatineau to go on with her comments.

Mrs. Mailly: Talking about greedy people, those mentioned by the Leader of the Opposition would have to include plant workers who stand to gain a lot from the new economic recovery climate brought about by the Budget. We had proof of that in my riding yesterday and there will be more such encouraging news. It was quite obvious even before the Budget that the economic statement of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) had created a climate conducive to job creation. So instead of focusing too closely on the partial deindexation of pensions one ought to keep in mind the ultimate aim of the Budget, and that is job creation and economic recovery.

An Hon. Member: The motion has to do with pensions, not unemployment and job creation.

Mrs. Mailly: Please, Mr. Speaker, I can hardly hear myself!

An Hon. Member: Speak to the issue of today's motion—pensions.

Mrs. Mailly: Well, Mr. Speaker—

[*English*]

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

Mr. Waddell: This is not the Rotary Club, you know.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, surely the intent of the 10-minute period for Members to ask questions and make comments is that the questions and comments should be brief so