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the Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides (Mr. Garneau) should serve up another one of those speeches full of lies and exaggerations. I would like to comment on certain points. However, he raised so many, Mr. Speaker, that in spite of ourselves, we reacted rather violently to what he was saying. For instance, when he said that we were letting this country's oil policy being determined by the premier of one of the provinces... He knows perfectly well that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) said that Canada's policy is created by the Government of Canada. He did not say that the Premier of Alberta had no voice in discussions on international policy or even the national policies of our Government. And he knows that. And that is why I maintain that what he said was a tissue of lies.

Second, he said we wanted to let the market decide the future—

[English]

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Member opposite is not only conducting herself in an unlady like fashion with her "vomitting" phrases, she has now referred to lies. That is clearly unparliamentary and she should withdraw it as quickly as she should withdraw herself from the House.

Mr. Rodriguez: Withdraw.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order. This is not *The Young and the Restless*. I realize that this is Friday afternoon. I have not head the Hon. Member because of the amount of conversation that is taking place.

Mr. Tobin: She said "fabric of lies".

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the Hon. Member is are intimating this, I think you should withdraw your statement. I find that that is not parliamentary.

Mr. Tobin: A point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): One moment. I did not hear the translation and I would ask the Hon. Member to say whether she used unparliamentary language. If she has, I would as her to withdraw it and if she has not, we will carry on with a short question and short comment. The Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly).

[Translation]

Mrs. Mailly: Mr. Speaker, I did not use unparliamentary language because according to the Standing Orders we cannot call somebody a liar, but we can express doubts about the true meaning of the remarks of Hon. Members, and that is what I did. I pointed out that the remarks of the Hon. Member were a fabric of lies. I did not say he was a liar, I said his remarks were a fabric of lies.

Mr. Speaker, if I may—

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Gatineau should wash her mouth with soap because her comments are absolutely . . . She is indulging in semantics. If she says that the comments of the Hon. Member are a "fabric of lies", it is the same thing as saying that the Hon. Member is a liar. She must withdraw those remarks.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. It is a borderline case. The Hon. Member for Gatineau is causing the Chair a lot of difficulty by getting as close as she is to unparliamentary language. I hope she will refrain from that and carry on with a short question and comment, please.

[Translation]

Mrs. Mailly: So, Mr. Speaker, I will continue. I was saying that the Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides (Mr. Garneau)... Mr. Speaker, I was saying—

[English]

Mr. Tobin: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly) clearly indicated to the Speaker and the House that she used the words "a veritable fabric of lies". Those were her words, referring to the speech of the Hon. Member who spoke from this side of the House.

When she goes further and tells you that she is doing it in that way because it might be an indirect and permissible way of calling someone a liar, her intention is clear and the Speaker ought to rule decisively.

Mr. Gauthier: You cannot do indirectly what you cannot do directly.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the Hon. Member used unparliamentary language, would she please withdraw and carry on with her question.

[Translation]

Mrs. Mailly: Mr. Speaker, I went on to say that in his remarks the Hon. Member had claimed—

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I would ask the Hon. Member to withdraw—

Mr. Tobin: Name her.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Would the Hon. Member please withdraw her statement and carry on with her question or comment.

[Translation]

Mrs. Mailly: Mr. Speaker, since you are asking me to make a concrete gesture, I am pleased, to save you from an embarrassing situation, to make that concrete gesture. I regret having said it was a "fabric of lies" and I will simply rephrase by saying that he stretched the truth more than can reasonably be expected.

So, there you are.