

What he did was wrong, publishing the addresses of shelters for battered women. It was wrong. It did put women into increased danger. It was not intentionally wrong, I understand that, but it was wrong all the same.

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, on the same point, the member seems to persist. In her comments, she again states that the member for Broadview—Greenwood has put women at risk by doing what he did. I find that unacceptable.

I rise to support the point of privilege raised by my colleague, the member for Broadview—Greenwood. Let us put this matter into perspective. I believe that the member for Broadview—Greenwood put it into perspective this morning when he indicated the background to the dissemination of that particular information.

He was giving a speech in the House of Commons on the issue of violence against women and children. He was commenting about a publication entitled *Women's Country* which was given to him by a victim, a battered woman. He was subsequently called for information about women's shelters. In his opinion and in his judgment he felt that information was needed for women who are in that situation to provide information where these women might go to seek out help.

The member, as the member who just spoke, was trying to be helpful. Yet the member who is accusing him of putting women at risk, and I would submit for political reasons given the nature of my colleague's opposition that being a former NDP, chose to rise in the House of Commons—

An hon. member: Order, order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Please. On a point of order the hon. member for Churchill.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I thought the debate was going on a fairly high level until the last person got up.

• (1530)

We try to not impute motives in this House. I have read the statement from the member for New Westminster—Burnaby and there is no mention of the party affiliation of the member for Broadview—Greenwood.

Privilege

There is a very important discussion about a very sensitive issue. I think the member who just spoke is going beyond any reasonable remarks in what he just said. I think he owes an apology not only to the hon. member but to the House.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order, please.

I think the issue is an important one, but this is not the appropriate time for a debate on this question of privilege. The hon. member for Broadview—Greenwood stated his position this morning, and the hon. member for Burnaby—Kingsway gave his as well. I can recognize the hon. member for York South—Weston again, but I would ask him to be brief so that we can get back to the subject before the House today.

With this proviso, I recognize the hon. member for York South—Weston.

[*English*]

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, the NDP member stated again today, just a few moments ago, that the actions of the member for Broadview—Greenwood have put women at risk.

He is accusing the member of actually putting these women at risk. But the member for New Westminster—Burnaby ought to grant the member the common courtesy of pointing out that a number of these shelters and hostels publish their addresses in the Toronto directory.

She knows that, yet she chose in her selective submissions not to point that information out. Perhaps she can take issue with hostels like Nellie's in Toronto and other hostels that publish that information. Rather than speaking to the member privately, the NDP member chose to rise in the House to give the issue a higher profile to score some cheap political NDP points by attacking the hon. member.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would ask members to show a little restraint. This is a very delicate subject and could easily lead to an explosive debate.

I will again recognize the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby. I would ask her to be brief, and I hope this will conclude the debate.