

conclusion. I suppose, to be accurate, I should return to his exact remarks that are pivotal to this whole matter. They occur at page 11926 of *Hansard* for that day and later, of course, at several other places. They are as follows:

"Do as I say, not as I do" appears to be the creed of the present administration. Surely, Mr. Speaker, this type of thinking is shown up so clearly in the judges' affair that is now before us. What administration at a senior level of government in Canada other than this administration would be allowing cabinet ministers who have acted illegally to carry on in their posts?

That, to my knowledge of the debate—which, as I say, has gone on for the better part of two weeks—was the first time that that direct allegation had been made. There had been others couched in other language, but that direct allegation was distinct from others that had been made up to that time. In other words, after several days of such intensive focus upon the acts of ministers and whether those acts can properly be described as illegal, I feel compelled to find that in that narrow context the words of the hon. member for York-Simcoe last Thursday evening constitute the very kind of judgment that the colleagues who came to his defence said it was not within the province of a member to make. Furthermore, they do not, in the expression by the hon. member for York-Simcoe, constitute further argument, but really constitute a statement which, in my opinion, offends against the words of Standing Order 35 and are therefore unparliamentary and must be withdrawn.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: It may be that upon reflection on this ruling and on the precedents to which I have made reference, the hon. member for York-Simcoe would want some time to reassess his position before making any further statement to the House. It may be that the statement may be withdrawn or qualified, as it has been by other hon. members; or, in turn, it may be the wish of the hon. member to proceed with the matter, to stand by the allegation he has made and to suggest that it forms part of a substantive motion, as has been the case in the past. In any case, I would think that the hon. member for York-Simcoe would want to examine and reflect upon the ruling and I think he ought to have at least 24 hours in which to do so. I would, therefore, look to the hon. member for York-Simcoe for his intervention at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, unless it is convenient for him to do so now. The hon. member for York-Simcoe is indicating that he seeks the floor at this moment.

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Yes, Mr. Speaker. It has certainly never been my intention to act in a manner contrary to the precedents of this House. Accordingly, in view of Your Honour's ruling, I should like to substitute for the word "illegally", appearing in my statement at page 11926 of *Hansard*, the words "improperly or wrongfully", so that the last sentence of my statement would have read:

What administration at a senior level of government in Canada other than this administration would be allowing cabinet ministers who have acted improperly or wrongfully to carry on in their posts?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should like to thank the hon. member for York-Simcoe for his very important inter-

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vention and simply conclude the matter by indicating that, in the opinion of the Chair, in any event, whatever offensive language was used in the hon. member's intervention has now been rectified.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

OBJECTION TO COMMISSION REPORT RESPECTING ONTARIO

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is my duty to inform the House that an objection signed by the hon. members for Port Arthur (Mr. Andras), Nipissing (Mr. Blais), Timmins (Mr. Roy), Algoma (Mr. Foster), Timiskaming (Mr. Peters), Thunder Bay (Mr. Penner), Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid), Fort William (Mr. McRae), Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling), and Cochrane (Mr. Stewart), has been filed with me, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Ontario. In accordance with the practice already adopted in these matters of recent days, I take it it is ordered that we would print the text of the objection as an appendix to this day's *Votes and Proceedings*.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed, and so ordered.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,534, 3,724, 3,837, 3,876, 4,133, 4,134, 4,135, 4,136, 4,137, 4,443 and 4,597.

[Text]

PEI COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN—PHASE 2

Question No. 3,534—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

With reference to Schedule "C" of the PEI Comprehensive Development Plan, signed in 1969 (a) what progress has been made toward attaining (b) what are the reasons for any shortfall from the goals stated therein of (i) removing 93,000 acres of poor agricultural land to other use and adding 270,000 acres to the pool of land available for farming (ii) making basic improvements in marketing facilities for agriculture (iii) zoning control and licencing to concentrate tourist and recreation developments where they will not detract from the best use of farm land (iv) attracting substantial private development capital into the resource sectors of the Island economy (v) increasing the rate of growth of net provincial product to 7% per annum throughout the life of the Plan (vi) assisting fishermen, especially those in the lobster fishery, to move to other occupations (vii) cutting and replanting 4,780 acres of forest lands a year (viii) building of 10 to 11 thousand new housing units by the end of the Plan (ix) an industrial growth rate of 10% a year (x) the employment of 6,500 persons in industry by 1976 (xi) the provision of increased short-term credit for fishing and agriculture at a lower cost than previously?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the