

Oral Questions

Mr. Speaker: It is unparliamentary to say that a Member has never or has not always told the truth. It is unparliamentary, because it constitutes an attack on the character of another Member.

I will give the Hon. Member another chance to withdraw his remarks. Quite simply, is the Hon. Member prepared to withdraw his remarks?

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I would have to see the blues. But if I said—

Mr. Speaker: If I give the Hon. Member another chance . . . No! No! Does the Hon. Member withdraw his remarks? Does the Hon. Member withdraw his remarks, yes or no? I have no other recourse but to name the Member, Mr. Malépart, the Member . . . I have no other recourse but to name Mr. Malépart. Waiting for the blues is not allowed. If the Hon. Member is prepared to withdraw his remarks, there is no problem—

● (1500)

[English]

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member offered to read the “blues”.

Mr. Speaker: He can't.

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is not a question of what the Hon. Member said. It is a question of what I—

An Hon. Member: Yes, it is.

Mr. Nunziata: You just said you couldn't hear anything.

Mr. Speaker: I advise all Members to read the rules about naming. My dilemma is that I have heard a phrase that I find unparliamentary. As the Speaker, I therefore asked that the words be withdrawn.

The Hon. Member has a solution open to him. He accepts the Speaker's request that the remarks be withdrawn. That is his solution. If he chooses to use that solution, there is no problem. If he chooses not to use that solution, he is refusing a request of the Chair. Then he must be named. It is not a question of waiting. I have no other solution but to ask the Hon. member to withdraw the words. I have done this several times.

I am trying to encourage the Member simply to withdraw the words. If I am wrong, I will find out when I have read the “blues” and then I will deal with it. I am asking the Hon. Member to withdraw the words. May I give him that option?

[Translation]

Once again, I will give the Hon. Member the option of withdrawing his words. Is the Hon. Member prepared to do so? Perhaps I may explain to other Hon. Members that it is a matter for the Speaker to decide. That is all. If I am wrong, I am willing to read the blues myself later on, but I must inform

the Hon. Member that I heard a remark that to me is unparliamentary. Is the Hon. Member prepared to withdraw that remark?

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, with respect, I do not know whether not telling the truth or that sort of thing is parliamentary or unparliamentary, but I maintain that I still think what I said about the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: I will give the Hon. Member another chance . . . Is he prepared . . . Order, please. Does the Hon. Member feel that by what he just said, he has withdrawn his previous remarks? Is that what he feels?

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, what I wanted to explain in plain French is that if I do not have the right to say what I said, I still maintain what I think of the Prime Minister. And I presume I am still free to think what I please here in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: I am not here to determine what you are thinking but to decide whether a remark used in the House is unparliamentary.

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[English]

CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORT

WORLD PEACE AND HARMONY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. Members will understand if I say that I am awfully glad that there are only two more days left in this week.

I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges) on Tuesday, December 18, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. Aurèle Gervais (Timmins-Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by over 100 residents of the Timmins-Chapleau riding. The petition deals with property rights of Canadians. Although the petitioners recognize that property rights are guaranteed and protected by the Canadian Charter