

MR. TAYLOR—PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a very innocent point of order. I come from Drumheller which is nestled in the Canyon of the Red Deer where the dinosaurs used to roam. I find nothing objectionable about the word dinosaur.

Madam Speaker: I would simply ask the Hon. Member in what Standing Order we provide for innocent points of order.

• (1640)

MR. DANTZER—PROPER FORM OF ADDRESSING MADAM SPEAKER

Mr. Vince Dantzer (Okanagan North): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order which I believe concerns every Member of this House and yourself. Your Honour may recall that last week two Government Ministers, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Gray) and the Minister of State for Mines (Mrs. Erola), who is responsible for the status of women, announced a policy barring the use of sexist terms in and around the House of Commons and the Government. I think I am correct in quoting the Ministers as saying that they did this because these terms perpetrated myths and stereotypes and created faulty perceptions and inappropriate behaviour. They said that women should be treated with equal respect and dignity, without reference to physical characteristics or reference to the female gender. I am sure that every Hon. Member wants to carry out what is a good policy. However, every time Hon. Members speak in the House, they use the words "Madam Speaker", and it seems to me that that title is a female gender word which might perpetuate myths and stereotypes and create faulty perceptions. I was wondering whether Your Honour would consider our use of the term "Speaker" or "Speakerperson" or, perhaps, in a friendly way, "Speak". Would Your Honour consider this and advise us as to what we should do in the future?

Madam Speaker: I wish I could answer the Hon. Member in French concerning this particular point of order. In French, it is quite clear that there is no reference to gender in the way in which I am addressed—Madame le Président. Le Président—being a substantive, which is considered to describe the function. When the function is fulfilled by a woman, one says "Madam". When it is fulfilled by a man, one says "Mister", so the function itself is absolutely neutral. However, the English language does not allow for that kind of distinction. I would be pleased if Hon. Members called me "Madam Speaker".

MR. KILGOUR—UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, I wish to raise a matter that was raised previously as a point of order. I appreciate the fact that Your Honour asked the Clerk if the word "dinosaur" was on the list of unparliamentary terms, and I think he replied, "no". I would simply say very quickly, because you have heard a lot this afternoon, that the word "animal" is on the list, the word "pig" is on the

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list, and something else which bothers me is "black sheep", which is also on the list. This, of course, is a very serious matter. A dinosaur is defined as being any of an extinct group of saurian reptiles. Surely, if the furry dog and the squealy pig are unacceptable, it is far worse to call us dinosaurs, and I would respectfully ask that you enlarge the list to include the word "dinosaur".

Madam Speaker: I will give it much consideration.

MR. NIELSEN—POINT OF ORDER RAISED PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Blais: You should be ashamed for rejecting your—

Mr. Nielsen: The Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Blais) is an expert at gross abuses of the Rules of the House, so I bow to him every time.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I wish to raise two point of order at this time stemming from the proceedings in the House last night prior to and at the time of adjournment. I would like to deal with those points singly and in order reversed to that in which the irregularities took place.

My first point of order relates to the manner in which the House was adjourned last night. As you know, Madam Speaker, Standing Order 6(3) states:

At 10:00 o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesdays and at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Fridays, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day.

Clearly, Standing Order 6(3) provides that the House will adjourn at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights. Furthermore, Standing Order 7 states:

At the ordinary time of adjournment of the House, unless otherwise provided, the proceedings shall be interrupted and the business under consideration at the termination of the sitting shall stand over until the next sitting day when it will be taken up at the same stage where its progress was interrupted.

As Your Honour will note, Standing Order 7 states that unless otherwise provided, the proceedings then before the House shall be interrupted at the ordinary hour of adjournment and shall stand over until the next sitting of the House. This procedure is borne out by rulings such as the one to be found at page 3712 of *Hansard* for October 15, 1980, where the following exchange and ruling by the Acting Speaker are reported as follows:

MR. MUNRO (ESQUIMALT-SAANICH): May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

MR. COLLENETTE: Do I understand, Mr. Speaker, that it is now six o'clock, or has the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) called it six o'clock?

THE ACTING SPEAKER (MR. ETHIER): The Chair recognized that it was six o'clock and therefore cannot recognize another member from the floor.

I submit, however, that in this case there was just such a provision as referred to in Standing Order 7 which would have resulted in delaying the normal adjournment of the House and that provision was contained within Standing Order 34(1)