

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** —and which was later declared by Parliament to be illegal—in fact, a criminal sanction was put on it—

**Mr. Andre:** Never!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Yes, it was—conduct which affects the rights of every Member of this House and affects the privileges of this House, if he will discuss with the Prime Minister whether he should stay in the Government, because it goes right to the question of integrity and confidence in our national Government. That is my question.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Gauthier:** You're a pinch-hitter.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** —I think there has been some suggestion made by the Leader of the Opposition with respect to the Prime Minister.

**An Hon. Member:** Your Prime Minister is gutless!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** He knows full well that the Prime Minister has been on the floor of the House of Commons on a daily basis—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** We do not comment with respect to absences of any Member of this House. However, I think it is important to understand that the Prime Minister has been here, and that yesterday he responded fully and frankly to every question—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** —that was asked of him by Members of the Opposition.

**Mr. Frith:** If he has no better sense in the House than that, tell him to step down.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I simply want to say to the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition, with respect to the question he put, to understand that this matter took place over 25 years ago. The question is whether or not Members who somehow do—

**Ms. Copps:** Systematic eavesdropping!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** —to quote the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition, something in an improper way, should be qualified for Cabinet.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Sit down!

**Mr. Caccia:** Answer the question.

### *Petitions*

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I ask the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition, in a rhetorical manner, what about Privy Councillors who make public disclosure of confidential and secret documents, contrary to the Official Secrets Act, which was the case with his own members when they had a press conference with respect to cabinet confidences.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, I want to suggest to the Hon. Government House Leader that some days are more important than others. My friend, the Hon. Member for Oshawa, came back from Vancouver to be here this morning, and I came in from Chicoutimi, because we consider this issue to be important—the Prime Minister does not!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** And we are leaving until he comes back!

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Boo!

**Mr. Kilgour:** Babies!

**Ms. Copps:** Your Prime Minister is a coward!

**Mr. Gauthier:** What a bunch of cowards you guys are!

**Mr. McDermid:** Take your balls and go home!

[*Editor's Note: Whereupon all members of the Opposition withdrew.*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Question Period. Oral Questions. The Hon. Member for Calgary West?

**Mr. Hawkes:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Oral Question Period. The Hon. Member for Kootenay—no?

Order, please. Question Period: Oral Questions.

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### CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Thursday, January 30, 1986, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon) by filing with the Clerk of the House also meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.