Introduction of Bills

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Deputy Prime Minister has the floor on a point of order. I ask Hon. Members to hear the Deputy Prime Minister out.

Mr. Benjamin: It's not as good as mine!

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, the Private Members' Bill we were suggesting be dealt with which stands in the name of the Hon. Member for Beaches (Mr. Young) in the normal course of events would be proceeded with by unanimous consent. It was members of the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party who caused a division to take place. As a result, if they want to frustrate—

Mr. Gauthier: That is totally uncalled for.

Mr. Mazankowski: —the passage of their own piece of legislation, then we should not—

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, that is totally uncalled for.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Gauthier: That is totally uncalled for.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down!

Mr. Gauthier: If he can do it, I can do it too. That was totally uncalled for. The Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) is reflecting on a vote of the House, which he has no right to do.

Mr. Mazankowski: Then Members opposite are out of order, too.

Mr. Gauthier: You cannot reflect on a vote in the House, whether you are the Deputy Prime Minister or not. I don't care who you are.

Some Hon. Members: Shush!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) may wish to rise on a point of order. Perhaps that is what he was attempting to do.

Mr. Gauthier: I think I rose, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: If the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier wishes to rise on a point of order, then the Chair will hear him.

Mr. Gauthier: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is what I was attempting to do. I am just making the point that the Deputy Prime Minister was reflecting on a vote of this House, which I think is totally uncalled for and not in the habit or practice of a gentleman.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair might observe that both the Deputy Prime Minister and the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier have now made their points.

Mr. Benjamin: As bad as they were.

Mr. Speaker: They were made in a most civilized way, although we had to wait a minute or two for them.

Are there other Members rising on points of order?

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have before me Citation 320 of Beauchesne's which refers to parliamentary and unparliamentary language—

Mr. Prud'homme: Which edition?

Mr. Robinson: The edition in question is, of course, the fifth edition.

In this particular citation there are a number of expressions which are set out as being parliamentary and unparliamentary. In the course of his discourse in the House the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski), in his innuendo and in his—

Mr. Broadbent: - intemperate comments-

Mr. Robinson: —used language which I would submit, while it is not specifically referred to in Beauchesne's—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: Sit down!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the Hon. Member for Burnaby could assist the Chair by stating precisely what is his point of order.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, the word in question is "duplicitous". If the Deputy Prime Minister wishes to suggest that Members of this House, such as my colleagues the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Ms. Mitchell) and the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) who, in good faith, seek to explain their votes in the long-standing tradition of this House, are duplicitous, then I suggest that that falls very much in line with other words which have been ruled to be unparliamentary since 1958. I refer to words such as "crook", "deceive", "dishonest", "distort"—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Burnaby is rising to indicate a grievance. I think the matter has passed. It is the disposition of the House to proceed.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order-

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Deputy Prime Minister on a question of privilege.

Mr. Mazankowski: I rise to state that if the House and you, Sir, find that my language was offensive, I will gladly withdraw it.

Some Hon. Members: Hear hear!