

*The Budget—Mr. Gillespie*

has the floor. It is difficult for the Chair to hear what the minister is saying.

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**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, I am about to give hon. members some of the facts, but they may not like them. The editorial is entitled "Non-answers aren't enough".

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, will the minister accept a question now?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order, please.

**Mr. Gillespie:** It is difficult to make oneself heard over the noise. I wish to quote from the article. If the opposition will listen, they might learn what some of their one-time admirers are now saying about them. The article reads in part:

Politicians who avoid definite statements are nothing new, but Robert Stanfield would not even commit himself to the view that this is the month of May. The Conservative leader's non-answers to questions on the latest episode of the CBC television program Encounter must have set some kind of record for evasiveness.

To an observer of the scene this will come as no surprise.

**Mr. Paproski:** Who wrote that?

**Mr. Gillespie:** It is he, not Mr. Watkins, the other leader of the NDP, who should be described as the chief Waffler in the country. There were other perceptive comments in the editorial that I would like to share with you, Mr. Speaker, and other members of the House, but I will quote only once more as follows:

Even Mr. Stanfield's attacks on unemployment are beginning to sound a little too much like opportunism. He certainly ought not to give the government any respite on that subject, but the country is entitled to something more from a candidate for the prime ministry than a condemnation of unemployment.

He would aim at bringing the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate down to 4 per cent. How?

**Mr. Paproski:** When we take over after the next election.

**Mr. Gillespie:** We on this side of the House know why he gives non-answers. He gives non-answers because he has a non-policy. He has offered only evasiveness, benign generalities and indignant blustering. These are no substitute for policy.

**Mr. Horner:** How many civil servants has the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) writing his speeches for him?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order, please. The hon. member should co-operate with the Chair.

**Mr. Horner:** You did well with the material somebody gave you.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order. The hon. member should co-operate with the Chair and allow the Chair at least to follow the speech of the hon. member who has the floor.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. At the request of the Chair the House gave

[The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger).]

the minister extra time. I would point out to the Chair a flagrant breach of the practice of the House. The hon. member is a minister who has been here four years. There is nothing to indicate what the sheafs of paper that he has before him and from which he is quoting left, right and centre represent. They are not in any way his own contribution.

**An hon. Member:** Shame.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order, please.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I rose on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** So far, I did not hear a point of order; unless the hon. member has something to add to make this a point of order.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I will continue my point of order and point out very definitely that what the minister is doing is contrary to the practice of this House. He should not read his speech.

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

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** There are cases where ministers are allowed to do so for statistical reasons or on matters of policy. But you, Mr. Speaker, have been here also for many years and I do not think I have to point out the practices of this House. The House has been indulgent in granting the minister time to finish his speech, but in no way will we give him permission to read page after page. Members should prepare their speeches to conform to their time, or they should know better.

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

**Mr. Broadbent:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think it is entirely inappropriate for the Conservative financial critic to suggest that the content of the minister's speech is not really his own. If one listened with care to the fatuous banalities, one could draw no other conclusion than that they are his own.

**Mr. Gillespie:** I had not realized that I was getting to hon. members quite as strongly as their reaction shows. If they are concerned with the printed word, I might tell them that I did not read it all. The quotation was from the *Montreal Gazette* editorial of May 10, and they can read it themselves.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Make your own speech.

**Mr. Gillespie:** With the co-operation of the House, I should like to finish my speech.

**Mr. Horner:** You've had co-operation.

**Mr. Gillespie:** In my remarks this evening I have tried, over one or two interruptions, to deal with the question of innovation, of technology, of entrepreneurship, of the sense of proprietary interest and of the interaction of various government policies. I have spoken about the