

other night, the Liberal candidate who came across a poor young woman eight months pregnant walking down the road and who said to her: "That's the last free one you'll have."

That is the kind of tactic that was used, and the Hon. Member opposite illustrates that tactic.

**Mr. Tobin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte (Mr. Tobin), on a point of order.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, I was not listening carefully, as is my wont whenever the Minister is on his feet, but if the Hon. Member suggested—and I would hope that he did not—that I or another Liberal candidate in Newfoundland said to some poor young woman, eight months pregnant, to quote the Minister, words to the effect "That's the last free one you'll ever have", I would ask the Minister to withdraw his remark, because such an event never happened, notwithstanding the Hon. Member's best attempt to portray it as having happened.

**An Hon. Member:** How would you know?

**Mr. Tobin:** I speak for myself, and I would hope that the Hon. Member would have the good grace to take my word on that and withdraw his suggestion.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie).

**Mr. Crosbie:** Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the Hon. Member opposite was up to during the campaign. I don't know whether he bumped into any pregnant women during the course of the campaign. I never said that he was the candidate in question. As a matter of fact, he was not. But there were seven Liberal candidates in Newfoundland, and one did exactly what I am telling the House was done. In other words, he was suggesting to this poor young woman that if the Free Trade Agreement goes into effect, "medicare is gone, and this will be the last free child you'll ever have".

**Mr. Tobin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte, on a point of order.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, it is a tradition of this House, generally, that we do not make allegations or

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attack people who are not here to defend themselves, and I would suggest—

**An Hon. Member:** Oh come on! What have you been doing for the last four years!

**Mr. Tobin:** I suggest to the Minister that he show some class, as he is capable of doing on occasion, and withdraw that remark. He is making an allegation against an unnamed individual who is not here to defend himself or herself. It is an improper allegation, done in an improper way, and I would ask that he do the right thing and withdraw it.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie).

**Mr. Crosbie:** Mr. Speaker, it is certainly a pleasant change to have a Member of the "rat pack" get all upset when an allegation is made against an unnamed person. Usually it is the rat pack that is making allegations about named persons who are not in the Chamber to defend themselves; they are outside this Chamber in the general public. Usually they are asking questions—

**Mr. Tobin:** Come on, John; show some class.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Usually they are asking questions that imply some kind of scandalous conduct and it turns out that the scandalous conduct never occurred.

We have seen a hundred examples of that. And then the Hon. Member opposite, who is a Member of the rat pack, gets up and states that I should not say something about a nameless person, a true story about a Liberal candidate in Newfoundland, an individual who went unnamed.

Well, thank God the rat pack has finally gone to ground!

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

**Mr. Crosbie:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to try to wrap up before six this evening, and with that in mind I hope I do not have to suffer any further interruptions.

While the Free Trade Agreement is not going to stop the American protectionist impulse, it will provide us with far more effective means to resist such actions.

To hear the opposition Members in this place speak, one wouldn't realize that Canada itself has an anti-dumping law, that Canada itself has a countervail law, that our trade disputes law has in it the right of Canadians to approach our regulatory agencies and allege