

Privilege—Mr. Mazankowski

This procedure can go on for a quite a long time but I would point out that the usual tradition has been that when questions are asked over and over again, if they are taking up a great deal of time sooner or later the Chair is asked to intervene. I do not want to intervene on an important matter without good reason, but I am indicating to the House that when the same question or nearly the same question is asked continually, sooner or later the Chair has to take into account other Members and other matters in the House. The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill.

REQUEST FOR LIST OF PROJECTS NOT FUNDED

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, it was the Deputy Prime Minister himself who introduced this new line of argument. We are simply responding to it.

Some Hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Blaikie: The Deputy Prime Minister earlier said that he wanted to debate the issue with me in Edmonton or here. Now he will not even answer questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Hon. Member would put his question and we will see whether the Minister will answer.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this grant to Fantasyland took up 80 per cent of the money allocated for Alberta under this particular program, could the Deputy Prime Minister provide to the House and the people of Alberta a list of the projects that were not funded because he decided to give 80 per cent for Alberta to this one particular project? Would he be willing to provide that kind of information?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, with your admonishment on this very important issue, I think the issue which the Hon. Member is raising was pretty appropriately described in an editorial in today's *Edmonton Journal*, which reads:

Flap over mall's DRIE grant is just political piffle.

John Ferguson of the *The Citizen* wrote:

MPs fiddle in Fantasyland while markets tumble.

I find it passing strange that the Hon. Member was around and in this House when the Government put together a deal that saved Versatile at a cost of \$45 million of federal government taxpayers' money.

Mr. Blaikie: That is right.

Mr. Mazankowski: I never heard a whimper from him nor should I have, because it was a good deal for Winnipeg, a good deal for Canada, and a good deal for western Canada.

Mr. Blaikie: Yes, that is right.

Mr. Mazankowski: And this is exactly the same.

Mr. Broadbent: It was honest and it was different.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Shields: Put more questions then.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise that, given the time, that concludes Question Period.

Mr. Nunziata: Hold it.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Refer to the rules.

Mr. Speaker: The Deputy Prime Minister.

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PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED UNPARLIAMENTARY CONDUCT

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. Again we witnessed, as reported in *Hansard* yesterday, an occurrence which I believe constitutes unacceptable parliamentary conduct on the part of two New Democratic Members of Parliament as reported at page 10482 of *Hansard*. I know that there have been some very hot exchanges on the floor of the House of Commons and I know that Ministers and Members from time to time go a little far in terms of the words they use, which they sometimes regret.

At page 10482 of *Hansard* in the second column while the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) was responding, the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) is reported to have stated:

That's a lie.

The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) went on to say—

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): He laughs. Broadbent laughs. What a parliamentarian.

Mr. Mazankowski: —“You're scum. You're lying scum.” Then the Member from Skeena said:

Go ahead and pump out more lies.

I think that demonstrates not only an act of weakness but an act of desperation and, of course, it is totally unparliamentary. The Hon. Leader of the New Democratic Party can laugh about it. He laughs and thinks it is a big joke. I do not. I have respect for this institution. I respect its traditions. I respect its decorum and dignity, and, Mr. Speaker, I think you have done an excellent job in trying to preserve that. In the interests of all Members of Parliament, particularly in the interests of preserving the dignity of this very important institution, I