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condone. They have said them and do not condone them themselves. I am sure that when they go home their spouses do not condone them. That is of very, very great concern.

What causes this sort of thing? I attempt to reflect upon it because I sometimes have problems being in the House when that sort of thing happens and it troubles me a great deal.

Why does that sort of thing happen? Canadians have also picked this up. The motion says that Canadians have expressed alarm at the excessive partisanship and the lack of decorum and civility that too often is evident in this House. They have great concern about that.

Where does this mostly come from? A lot of this rolls out from Question Period. That is what people are watching. As best I can figure out is that a pack mentality develops on all sides. No way would these individuals walk up to another individual and say these things to them personally.

I had a situation not too long ago where a group of picketers were outside my office. When I went to speak to them, there were some very, very vicious comments made from the back of the group. What I would do in each case was stop talking and walk very directly through the crowd to the person who made the remark. In every case, without exception, they smiled and certainly had a very different personal attitude about the situation when that sort of thing happened.

Therefore, it was the pack that did it. It was the group that allowed them to start talking in that manner. That, of course, is what develops it appears on all sides with the people in the House from time to time.

Canadians certainly have a lot of certain. They say that they should have respectable representation from their members of Parliament. This comes from what they see at times on TV and what they see on the TV clip from Question Period is a very negative situation. TV is a major media for our constituents. It is there for them to be afforded the opportunity to see what is happening in the House of Commons. But they get very perturbed and very disturbed at what they are seeing of this sort of action in here. They said that very straightforwardly. Also they would be very concerned if that medium was taken away. They like it.

Maybe at times they are watching just to see if we are going to change our act. Is this place going to clean up its act and stop this sort of thing that is going on here?

That is really it. At times, as was noted earlier by other colleagues in the House, acting starts to roll out. I mean we are sensitive to the acting to the situation. I guess that is part of the political make-up, but again I say I think our constituents are asking us to clean up that act.

As we know, we get into emotional situations. We go to the movie. We know it is not for real and we get caught up in it in a big way of having tears and all sorts of things. That of course is what happens there.

Of course, as we know, the citizens forum in its report said that Parliament is a charade of political gamesmanship. "It is just terrible the way they carry on in Parliament like unruly children." I am quoting from the report. "Bad-tempered brats, no control, quarrelling between parties. Why do they not get together and use their ideas better?"

We are getting it from all quarters. We are getting it from our constituents, our friends, our families, that this place needs to be changed. There have been ideas put forward by some here either in their presentation or in amendments made that this all can be done by leadership and discipline. I think that certainly there has to be leadership. In addition to that if we are going to discipline, we are going to discipline somebody after the fact, after something has been done. Might it not be better that we do it in this House by a tighter set of rules or by the enforcement of the rules of the House so there is not an eliciting of this sort of mentality that develops. I think that is the kind of thing that we should be looking at.

Greater discipline is fine, certainly party leadership discipline. I am worried. We do not want the situation to carry on where the comment from a person will roll out of their mouth and cause them some problem because of what happens here.

I heard my colleague from Broadview—Greenwood earlier saying he got caught up and ended up doing it himself. He was sitting there the other day and something rolled out. In a debate that is going on that is certainly not sexist or anything of that nature, something may tend to agitate the person who is speaking. That was