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as to whether to give this Bill speedy passage on second reading and reference to committee. Therefore, in that context, I object to the word used and would ask the Hon. Member to withdraw it.

● (1230)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** First, let me say that I sometimes wonder if it is the responsibility of the Chair to intervene when unparliamentary language is used or whether the Chair perhaps ought to wait until there is an objection made. For that reason, I tolerated the word "hypocrite", which is unparliamentary. However, I think that when we are concerned with an accusation that an Hon. Member is a liar and has lied, we must become attentive. Therefore, the procedure which I would follow is to now ask the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway) if he would be so gracious as to withdraw those words.

**Mr. Greenaway:** I withdraw the fact that he may be a liar, but I think he is a hypocrite.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order. Again, if the Hon. Member asks me to do so, I will check the authorities on the subject, but I think the Hon. Member can rely on my recollection, which is to the effect that the word "hypocrite" is not acceptable either. Perhaps I will again prevail upon his graciousness and ask him to withdraw that word.

**Mr. Greenaway:** Well, he is hypocritical, Mr. Speaker. I mean, we all know that.

**Mr. Daudlin:** I rise on a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member recognizes that the practice in this House is that if, in fact, the Chair has ruled that a particular phrase or word is unparliamentary, it is not a matter of explanation or a matter of trying to slide around the word but, rather, a matter of exercising some graciousness in withdrawing the word. The Chair has given some indication that, in fact, the word "hypocrite", or the phrase "to be a hypocrite", is unacceptable and unparliamentary. I would ask that the Hon. Member withdraw the words, as is expected of any Hon. Member in the House. If he tries to find something else which is within parliamentary practice and procedure, that is fine. However, I think that the proper procedure is to withdraw the remark, and I would ask, through Your Honour, that that be done.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I do not think there is anything further that I can add for the edification of Hon. Members. It seems to me that when I indicated to the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin that some words were not acceptable, he evidenced his willingness to stay within the acceptable language limitations under our procedures. I do not want to pursue the point too often. The Hon. Member has now found a third word, "hypocritical". Again, I say that if he insists I will review the authorities on the subject and determine whether or not that is also unparliamentary. However, if

he wishes he may rely on my recollection that it is unparliamentary, in which case I would have to ask him to withdraw it.

**Mr. Greenaway:** What kind of a Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker, would allow people to lose their farms, and not even make any—

**An Hon. Member:** Throw him out!

**Mr. Ouellet:** I rise on a point of order. I think it is very clear that the Hon. Member has only one thing to say. He can either say "I withdraw the word", or he can tell us that he will not withdraw the word. It is not necessary for him to start to make a long speech to qualify another Hon. Member of the House.

I appreciate the fact that it might be painful for the Hon. Member, but I think that in all courtesy and for the good order of the House of Commons he should just very clearly and simply say that the word has surpassed his thinking and he should withdraw the word and continue his speech. However, I think clearly he has only one choice offered to him, which is to withdraw his remark. If he does not, the circumstance will become more difficult. We do not think, for the good order of the House, there should be situations where Hon. Members are impolitely qualifying other Members in the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin will have realized that I am attempting to provide every opportunity, in the most pleasant fashion possible, for this matter to come to an end. However, the Chair reaches a position, particularly if some Hon. Members ask that the rules be observed, where my responsibility becomes, in effect, to enforce the rules.

I listened to the Hon. Member's speech and it is quite notable that he feels very strongly about some of the subject matters which he was raising. Sometimes these expressions slip out in the anger of the moment, and my hope is that they are withdrawn after a brief period of consideration. Therefore, I would invite the Hon. Member, if he would be so kind, to withdraw the expression "hypocritical" as well.

**Mr. Greenaway:** Mr. Speaker, I do not at all mind withdrawing the word "liar". However, I did not realize that "hypocrite" or "hypocritical" was unparliamentary language. I know I should have read Beauchesne to find out. However, I do think the Minister of Agriculture is a hypocrite, and I will not withdraw that word.

**An Hon. Member:** Throw him out! Chuck him out!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** There is a procedure in this event. I want to explain to the Hon. Member—

**Mr. Fisher:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I know the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin. I have spent some time with him to be a man of some conviction. I would simply urge him, one last time, to remember that forceful arguments and evidence might be better than impoliteness or a lack of flexibility. If it is useful to Your Honour, I would appeal to my friend to use forceful arguments and evidence in the time remaining rather than to use words which will only reflect on him in the end.