

Privilege—Mr. McDermid

MR. LEWIS—REPLY OF MRS. EROLA DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order with reference to the remarks of the Minister responsible for the Status of Women during her reply to a question from the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Mrs. Mitchell). The Minister suggested in her remarks that we were all apprised of and invited to the reception on Sunday evening. The best we can find out is that there were some telephone calls on Friday afternoon to some Members' offices inviting some of us to that reception. I suggest, as a point of order, that the Minister has come as close to lying as one possibly can in this House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has made his observation.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. McDERMID—REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, I was called some names across the floor of the House which are very unfair. I am going to ask that they be withdrawn. That is my point of privilege. It was said by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) that I was a bigot. To quote exactly, he said "Don't be such a bigot".

Mr. Lalonde: And listen to the facts.

Mr. McDermid: I want to make it very very clear to this House and to the Minister of Finance that there is nobody who has supported bilingualism in Canada more than I have.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Will the Hon. Member please resume his seat. A reference to another Hon. Member in this context as a bigot is, in the opinion of the Chair, unparliamentary. If the expression was used, I invite the Minister, who is a distinguished Parliamentarian, to withdraw it.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I certainly will withdraw it since it has been uttered by me as has been said. I did indeed say "Don't be such a bigot and listen to the facts", since the point raised by the Hon. Member was answered by the Secretary of State (Mr. Joyal) saying quite clearly that it was his privilege—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Will the Hon. Minister please resume his seat. The Minister of Finance has withdrawn the particular word which is unparliamentary in the judgment of the Chair. That is the end of this matter.

[Translation]

Tabling of Bills. The Hon. Pierre De Bané, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans: Stand.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, we intend to table this Bill.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ATLANTIC FISHERIES RESTRUCTURING ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Yvon Pinard (on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-170, an Act to authorize investment in and the provision of financial assistance to the Atlantic Fisheries for the purpose of restructuring certain fishery enterprises.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[English]

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: There are a number of items under the heading "Motions". Shall I dispense?

Mr. Nielsen: As in the past, Mr. Speaker, on this occasion we will not insist upon the motions being read seriatim, but we would agree to your putting the question to the House generally as to whether Members having motions standing in their names wish to call them this day. I do not think you will find any on this side.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I am becoming somewhat concerned about a practice that is developing in the House which has the motions carried en masse rather than carried individually. Over the course of the last few days, albeit there were a large number of motions, on each occasion when we reached motions we have for one reason or another allowed that they be carried without each being read. I would like to indicate that we are not likely to give our consent on any future day after today to this practice being pursued.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a misapprehension in the mind of the Hon. Member that the motions are being carried. That is not the case. They are simply being called by the Chair. We are agreeing to an exception here because we want to debate the Crow rather than taking up time by putting all of these motions. Apparently the New Democratic Party does not want to do that. We will agree on this day and on tomorrow and on any other day where the Crow is involved to treat the procedure individually on that particular day.

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I think there is some misapprehension on the part of my hon. colleague from Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans). The motions are not carried, they are only carried over. Furthermore, we are saving considerable time in this way, thus giving us a chance to consider a Bill that has attracted considerable interest on this side of the House and, I hope, on the other side as well.