

Point of Order—Mr. Hnatyshyn

I think he will know departs from the question of the point of order, I must ask him to restrict himself to the issue of a point of order and not to a factual question which may or may not have occurred sometime in the past.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I am addressing the point of order not only with regard to procedure but also with regard to substance. My submission is that not only did the Minister of Finance tell this House that the bank would then be viable, but the Governor of the Bank of Canada, appearing before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, on several occasions which I could recite to Your Honour, said categorically that this arrangement would render the bank viable. That is what I said.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is only day two.

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether or not the Liberals were misled in March and April. Frankly, I do not know whether or not the Speaker should find that if they were, the acceptance and admission of that by the Leader of the Official Opposition constitutes a breach of order or privilege. The same applies to the use of unparliamentary language. All I do know, Sir, is that we were not misled and we voted against the package because we saw through it.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I thank the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) for a speech which was so clearly on a question of order.

The President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn) has raised a point of order relating to the use of language in yesterday's Question Period. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition quite properly cites Beauchesne's regarding when it is appropriate to draw matters such as this to the attention of the Chair. He goes further to ask me to consider questions of fact. I think he knows full well that I cannot do so even though, for his reasons, he may wish to put them in the record.

I must find, under the practices of the House, that whatever happened yesterday happened yesterday, and it happened yesterday.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY**GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, sovereignty can be a very emotional issue in this country, and that is quite understandable, since sovereignty involves the identity and the very character of a people. We Canadians want to be ourselves. We want to manage our own affairs and control our own destiny, but we also want to go beyond this to play a constructive role in a world that is become increasingly inter-dependent. We have something to offer and at the same time we have something to gain.

Since it came to power, this Government has shown a keen interest in the sovereignty issue. We have consolidated national unity, because a house divided cannot stand. We have reinforced the national economy, because sovereignty means nothing without solvency. Unity and strength: these are the hallmark of sovereignty and of the policies and achievements of this Government.

[English]

We have declared a Canadian ownership policy in respect of foreign investment in the publishing industry. We have made our own Canadian decisions on controversial issues of foreign policy, whether in Nicaragua or South Africa. We have passed the Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act to block unacceptable claims of jurisdiction by foreign Governments or foreign courts seeking to extend their writ to Canada. We have arrested foreign trawlers poaching in our fishing zones. We have taken important steps to bolster and improve Canada's defences, notably in increasing Canadian forces in Europe and in putting into place a new North Warning System to protect Canadian sovereignty over our northern airspace.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): As well, Sir, we have reconstructed relations with traditional friends and allies who have welcomed our renewed unity and strength and the confidence they generate.

Sir, my colleague, the Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse), and other Ministers of this Government on other occasions, will be making announcements through the life of this Parliament on other steps this Government intends to take to assert and guarantee the sovereignty and independence of Canada. In domestic policy, foreign policy, and defence policy the Government has given Canadian sovereignty a new impetus within a new maturity. However, Sir, much remains to be done. The voyage of the *Polar Sea* demonstrated that Canada, in the past, had not developed the means to ensure our sovereignty over time. During that voyage, Canada's legal position was fully protected, but when we looked for ways to