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point respecting the nature of support and understanding. This is a point that has already been made but which seems to have escaped the notice of some of the opposition Members.

It has been suggested that we are on thin ice in so far as this Bill is concerned. Given that the Quebec National Assembly, under two different Governments, has unanimously passed resolutions asking the Government to do this, that would seem not to be the case. It seems to me that the opposition Members from the Province of Quebec, and those who aspire to have significant numbers from Quebec, ought to bear that in mind.

An Hon. Member: Bring us Dr. Eastman.

Mr. Andre: When one has virtually the entire scientific community across the country saying that this is important—

Some Hon. Members: Not so; not true.

Mr. Andre:—when one has Canada's most recent—

Mr. Prud'homme: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. On a point of order, the Hon. Member for Saint-Dennis (Mr. Prud'homme).

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this is an *appel au règlement* or a question of privilege.

The Hon. Minister has spoken of a unanimous resolution having been passed by two separate Governments of the Province of Quebec calling for these amendments. Many years ago, we had a provincial Government asking that the federal Government not implement the old age pension program—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is not a point of order.

An Hon. Member: Not only is it not a point of order, one cannot tell what he is talking about.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I was merely reflecting on the fact—

Mr. Henderson: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret that I have to interrupt the Hon. Minister again. The Hon. Member for Egmont (Mr. Henderson) on a point of order.

Mr. Henderson: Mr. Speaker, the Minister made the point that two provincial legislatures unanimously passed a resolution supporting this Bill. I want to point out to the Minister that the Prince Edward Island Legislature also passed a resolution, and also unanimously, calling on the Government not to—

An Hon. Member: This is debate.

• (1650)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. On debate, the Hon. Minister.

Mr. Andre: I just want to point out, Mr. Speaker, that I did not interrupt opposition Members when they were speaking—

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I thought I just heard the Hon. Minister use words to the effect that he was going to let opposition Members get on with their demagoguery.

I respectfully direct Your Honour to Citation 320 at pages 105 and 106 of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition. Subclause (2) reads:

Since 1958, it has been ruled unparliamentary to use the following expressions:

And at page 106 Your Honour will see the word "demagogue", which apparently was ruled unparliamentary on June 16, 1963, as reported at page 10194 of *Debates*.

Therefore I ask Your Honour to ask the Hon. Minister to withdraw his clearly unparliamentary remark.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. Obviously the Chair will know that the Hon. Minister used the term "demagoguery" and never in any way called any one member of the Opposition a demagogue.

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Minister has the floor.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, as the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Lewis) pointed out, I did not call anybody a demagogue. I suggested that there was a lot of demagoguery. If that is offensive to the Hon. House Leader of the Liberal Party and if you find it unacceptable, I would substitute therefor "wild exaggeration". I just want to point out—

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, on that point of order, I was the recipient, in my own humble way of reflecting the views of Newfoundlanders, of the Minister's statement in which he said that the Hon. Member was giving a new definition to the term "demagoguery", and the "blues" will show that.

On behalf of my constituents, whose humble voices I was merely reflecting and echoing off these ungodly walls—

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Tobin:—I ask the Minister to withdraw that insult to my constituents.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Minister has already spoken, and I consider the incident closed. Will the Minister continue, please.

Mr. Andre: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder why the Opposition is so reluctant to let me speak, given that we have sat here, all of us collectively on this side, and allowed each