

I think that he should be taken to task for this kind of activity. It is not appropriate for this House of Commons and it is not appropriate for that gentleman, because I know he does not mean to be that kind of person in this House of Commons. I would ask that he respond and apologize to the House.

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** I realize there was a slight amount of exuberance in the anger of what happened here and if anyone has taken offence over there—

**Mr. Harvard:** Hyperbole.

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** Hyperbole, as the hon. member says.

If they would be prepared to remove this legislation, I would be prepared to recant some of the things I have said.

**Mrs. Dobbie:** That is not good enough.

**Mr. Shields:** Mr. Speaker, I know the gentleman to be an honourable man. I have known him for a number of years. I would just ask that he withdraw the remarks he has made about an hon. member on this side of the House. I think it is only courteous that he do that.

**Mr. Fisher:** Let the Speaker decide.

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** As my colleagues say, it was part of the thrust and parry of debate here. Her remarks were as outrageous.

**Mr. Richardson:** That is not debate. What do you know about debate, low life?

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** I understand some of the members here are a bit exercised, but maybe they can understand how exercised we are about the jackboot approach that is being used by the government and the outrageous nature of this legislation.

I would certainly be guided by Your Honour's remarks and coerced into doing what the Chair feels has to be done, but I do not think those remarks are anything as outrageous as what this government has done to the people of Canada. I am outraged by their attempt to stand in this House and justify this outrageous deal.

**Mrs. Dobbie:** Withdraw your remarks.

### *Government Orders*

*[Translation]*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Immediately after the speech by the hon. member for North Island—Powell River, I said I would appreciate it if he would be more respectful of the Standing Orders, and I was referring to his tossing the advertisement up in the air and mentioning the Prime Minister by name.

I think both sides of the House are prepared to show a certain amount of good will at this point. The hon. member just said that he may have got carried away in the heat of the debate. I therefore consider the incident closed, and I again wish to ask hon. members on both sides of the House for their co-operation in maintaining the level of parliamentary decorum in this debate that is traditional in the House of Commons of Canada.

*[English]*

**Mr. Edwards:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understand that you have declared the matter closed. I was on my way into the Chamber to intervene in this exchange when you rose to your feet. I apologize if I—

**An hon. member:** On a point of order—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** One moment, please. The hon. member has the floor.

**Mr. Edwards:** Thank you for your courtesy, Mr. Speaker. I would appreciate the opportunity to complete my point of order as other members have.

I had the opportunity to observe the recent exchange on the television monitor. I believe that what the hon. member opposite has done and has said is unparliamentary and inexcusable and that it must be unconditionally withdrawn.

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I do in fact respect the rules of this House. If I have offended anyone, I certainly would withdraw the remark. Thank you.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** I appreciate the courtesy of the hon. member.

• (1130)

**Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, as I listened to the sanctimonious approach of the member for Powell River, I had to go back to what was going on in my own province.