

Point of Order—Mr. H. Gray

If we do not have an educational program that is effective now we may face a very, very dangerous situation in this country.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have already given the Hon. Member the background about what was being done with the Canadian Public Health Association in regard to public education. Where does the Hon. Member get the evidence of five to ten years in research? Researchers will not give any time frame. I wish the Hon. Member would not use such inflammatory statements like those he just made, which are simply not the case in this issue.

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INDUSTRY**ALGOMA STEEL CORPORATION—FUTURE OF WAWA MINING OPERATIONS**

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Last Thursday, Algoma Steel Corporation in Sault Ste. Marie announced that within a few days it would commence the shut down of its iron ore mining operations in Wawa unless a solution to the freight rate problem with Algome Central Railway is found. Since 350 jobs in mining are involved and at least 2,000 jobs in the district, when will the Government make a decision? Will it give a commitment today that it will provide the necessary assistance to see that these freight rates are lowered so that this mining operation at Wawa can continue?

Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, for some months we have been asked, through the Member for Sault Ste. Marie, to look into this matter. There have been ongoing discussions for some time and I understand good news may be announced shortly. The Ontario Government, federal Government, and the companies are continuing these discussions.

Mr. Speaker: There is time for one further question. The Hon. Member for Cape Breton—Highlands-Canso.

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TRADE**NOVA SCOTIA CHRISTMAS TREES—ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKET**

Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. He is aware of concerns of Nova Scotia Christmas tree growers about access to the United States Christmas tree market. What assurances can he give Christmas tree growers in Nova Scotia that their exports to the United States will not be hit with a tariff in 1987?

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POINT OF ORDER**ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE**

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to a word used by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) in one of his answers during the Question Period just concluded. I heard the Deputy Prime Minister use the word "fabrication" in answer, I believe, to the Leader of the Opposition. Citation 320 of Beauchesne says that since 1958 it has been ruled unparliamentary to use a number of expressions, one of them being "fabrication". Apparently this was a ruling made on January 27, 1959, at page 385 of *Hansard*.

To be perfectly fair, I did not make a note of the total statement in question. I would be quite prepared for you to treat what I just said as notice so that we can check the "blues". I would then be in a position to give further argument based on the total context of the use of the word.

Mr. Speaker: I might point out that the Chair would want to be very careful to ensure that if the word was used, it was used and directed at an Hon. Member. If it had been used to describe a general series of allegations that may have taken place outside the Chamber, of course, it would be in a different category.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I believe you have qualified the manner in which I used the word which the Hon. House Leader of the Liberal Party has raised. I certainly did not accuse any Member of the House of a fabrication. If that appears to be so upon checking the "blues", it would be inadvertent and I would be more than willing to withdraw it. As you suggested, Mr. Speaker, I was describing the sort of state of innuendo, rumours, fabrication and so on that was associated with this. It was certainly not directed at any one individual Member of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will consult the "blues". The explanation may be adequate.