

heard them before in the House. Even if Members do use such expressions, the Speaker does not stop them. Members have their freedom of expression. The Hon. Member has had his say and I will allow him to have his say to the end.

**Mr. McCain:** Madam Speaker, perhaps it is not uncommon to hear interjections from Members sitting in their seat to go back and forth, some of which I deplore and very few of which I have been responsible for. But when a person in this House is recognized by the Speaker, and when in his official position as a Member he is speaking in this House and tells another Member to shut up, I submit to you, Madam Speaker, that that in fact is a question of privilege, and I am within my rights to suggest that that Member should retract that statement and apologize to this House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** I have heard that very often in the House. Perhaps it is not the best way to continue debate, but I have heard it several times in the House and despite any opinion which the Hon. Member might have on its propriety, it has been accepted in the House. The Hon. Member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields).

**Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca):** Madam Speaker, just to assist you in your ruling on this point of order, you will recognize that I sit very close to the Chair and I was unable to hear the Table deliver the numbers to you. Usually, if I sharpen my ears, I can hear Madam Speaker speaking to the Table officer with the microphones off, so we are in very close proximity. I did not hear Madam Speaker say that the motion was lost, and I hope you will give the position taken by the Hon. House Leader your due consideration.

**Mr. Denis Ethier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment):** Madam Speaker, it seems to me that this whole debate evolves around the doubt that we have in each other. I think the House should operate, and always has, under the assumption that everyone speaks the truth and no one intends to mislead the House. Today we have heard Members speak of irregularities, others on points of order, and others on questions of privilege. Now I have heard my friend, the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), talk of the ignorance of some of his colleagues concerning the rules and procedures. Certainly no one could accuse our good friend, the Hon. Member for Yukon, of being ignorant of the rules.

**Mr. Nielsen:** The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) always does.

**Mr. Ethier:** On the contrary, I would like to compliment him on his knowledge of the rules and procedures. But I might touch on one point that was not mentioned this afternoon. It was totally omitted by the Hon. Member for Yukon and, as a matter of fact, by all Members of his party. That, Madam Speaker, is abuse. I am referring to the abuse of the rules, the abuse of the privileges of Hon. Members, the abuse of the position and the titles that certain people hold, such as Leaders of Opposition, House leaders.

*Point of Order—Mr. Nielsen*

**Mr. Nielsen:** Ministers of Agriculture.

**Mr. Ethier:** And again the abuse of the confidence and trust that Members have in each other. On this, Madam Speaker, I bring you back to the motion before the House yesterday which the Hon. Member for Yukon is complaining about. I submit to you that this motion was moved, perhaps in good faith—I am sorry to see my friend from Yukon leave the House because it concerns him.

**Mr. Jarvis:** I will tell him. I am taking notes.

**Mr. Ethier:** When the Hon. Member for Yukon moved under Standing Order 29 that the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) be recognized, it was an error. To do that the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre had to have been rising in his seat. I can tell you that he was not in his seat, and I am sure the Hon. Member for Yukon did not want to mislead the House. I know he is too much of a gentleman for that. I am certain he would want to correct that wrong.

At the time you recognized the Hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan), Madam Speaker, I was sitting in my seat listening quite attentively to what the Hon. Member for Yukon was saying because he mentioned me on a couple of occasions with reference to the time when I was occupying the Chair. I know very well that the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre was not seeking the floor. It was a mistake that the Hon. Member for Yukon made, and all I ask is for him to correct yesterday's wrong. That is all I have to say.

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Madam Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member would not want to leave misinformation on the record. The Hon. Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) was rising to speak to the question of privilege which I had raised, and I saw him rising in his place at the point when the House Leader was raising Standing Order 29.

● (1730)

I just want to correct the record in terms of what the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Ethier) raised. The Hon. Member for Calgary South was in his place.

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Madam Speaker, in spite of the words used, I am sure the Hon. Member was referring to myself, the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre, rather than the Hon. Member for Calgary South.

I was most certainly in my seat. I was most certainly trying to be recognized. I was recognized by Madam Speaker. It was at that point, after that occasion, that the House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party moved under Standing Order 29. I am sorry, but the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Ethier) is simply erroneous in his observation that I was not properly in my place at that point in time.

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Madam Speaker, I too would like to say a few words in this regard. It was unfortunate last night that we could not hear it. As you are aware, I