

Investment Canada Act

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I can inform the Hon. Member for La Salle (Mr. Lanthier) that his colleague said Opposition Members were stupid. I think he should listen more carefully and refrain from political partisanship.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Concerning the point of order raised by the Hon. Member for La Salle, I would like to point out to the House that the word used by the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) is parliamentary. However, it is not appropriate in the circumstances.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi).

Mr. Rossi: Mr. Speaker, I notice that Government Members, as usual, take delight in holding up the debate when our colleagues address the House, so that they will run out of time and not be able to say what they want to say. Mr. Speaker, I urgently request that the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) be given the time to which he is entitled so he will have his full 10 minutes.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart), on a point of order.

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, since this is a point of order, I would ask the Chair not to include the time used to make my point of order as part of my speaking time.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with your ruling, namely that the expression, though parliamentary, is inappropriate, but I think it is appropriate when used in referring to people who really are that.

Mr. Speaker, to continue the debate concerning the comments of the Hon. Member who was criticizing Opposition Members both on the Liberal and the New Democratic Party side for proposing amendments to a Bill—in fact the aim of these amendments was mainly to protect jobs—I realize that the previous speaker is more concerned with protecting the multinationals and the wealthy. However, I think that in this House, every Member has the right to express his views as he sees fit and to defend the groups and individuals he wants to defend. If the previous speaker only wants to defend the wealthy, he will suffer the consequences. However, I think the Members of the Official Opposition and Members of the New Democratic Party are here to defend all Canadians, whatever their income or beliefs, Mr. Speaker. The amendment proposed by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) and the previous amendments rejected by the Conservatives were in fact aimed at ensuring that all parliamentarians would be informed of all investments made in Canada, and not only that a foreign company was taking over a company in one of our ridings, but also whether that

company was going to guarantee existing jobs. The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) and this Government cannot be trusted, because when Bill C-15 was tabled, the first thing they said was that now Ottawa could easily get rid of Canadair. All the Bay Street Minister is interested in is selling Canadair, at any price, but he could not care less about the company's employees. I think the Member for Dollard (Mr. Weiner) should wake up to this fact, since Canadair is in his riding. The Member for Lasalle, instead of worrying about whether a term is parliamentary or not, should start worrying about the employment situation in this area which affects the people west of Montreal.

Mr. Speaker, this shows a complete lack of . . . The Progressive Conservative Members from Quebec will have to stop listening to these people who keep telling them that the Prime Minister is always right, that the Ministers are right, and that their job is to applaud or make sure they are in front of the camera so they can be seen on television when somebody else is speaking. It is appalling. On the weekend in my riding, people were asking where the Hon. Member for Duvernay (Mr. Della Noce) had his seat, because every time a Member rose to speak, he would change seats. They wondered whether his seat had wheels. And the same applies to the Hon. Member for Temiscamingue (Mr. Desjardins). All they do, besides opening doors, is move from one seat to the next to make sure they are in front of the camera. Mr. Speaker, I think Progressive Conservative Members should listen—

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Témiscamingue, on a point of order.

Mr. Desjardins: Mr. Speaker, I wish the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) would speak to the amendment. I think his attacks are uncalled for. We, that is, the Committee, accepted 17 amendments to this Bill, and I think Canadians would like us to get to work on other Bills they are waiting for. His attacks on us are uncalled for. We would like to hear him speak to the amendment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member that it is not a point of order. The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I will be nice to the Hon. Member. He is not familiar with the Standing Orders, so I will be patient with him, he will learn them some day. It is just a matter of time. Mr. Speaker, he will learn the Standing Orders the day he will stop playing up to the camera and taking seats close to the speakers. He ought to go by the Standing Orders, get up on his feet and defend proposed bills.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians will understand the fears of both Opposition parties if they consider the choices and priorities of this Government. It is not a matter of one party being more