

The Budget

This is not the United Nations which is the only place that I know of that allows for an abstention. It is not a place where we allow for the explanation of how we vote.

Explanations take place during debate on second reading, in committee stage and at third reading. It is inappropriate that we continue a practice that is in conflict with our parliamentary practices.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I do not mind the new found righteousness of the

government, but I wonder if the member for Portage—Interlake would explain why he abstained last year on the base closing in his own riding.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member will some day make that explanation, but I can assure hon. members that he is not going to make it at this present moment.

It being 6.18 p.m. this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.
