

The Budget—Mr. MacDougall

Mr. MacDougall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will certainly do that. When dealing with such major issues as natural resources or mining and with the unemployed, I must say that I am concerned and I want to be factual in what I say. That is why I have notes in front of me. I must continue and say that the mining industry—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): I am sorry but the Chair failed to realize exactly what the Hon. Member meant. Does he mean that he is going to carry on reading?

Mr. MacDougall: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We have seen Members of the House read their entire speech. This Hon. Member is simply referring to notes and he should not be interrupted. Surely you have to protect the rights of all Members. I have seen Members on the other side read their entire speeches without interruption. This Member is not reading his speech; he is referring to notes and should not be interrupted.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): First of all, these are reflections on a decision of the Chair. I will read Citation 309 of *Beauchesne* which is very clear on this matter: It reads as follows:

It is a rule in both Houses of Parliament that a Member must address the House orally, and not read from a written, previously prepared speech.

I could read Citation 310 and Citation 311. There are exceptions to this, such as a maiden speech. I do not want to bore the House with this. All I should like is that Members abide by the rules.

Mr. Taylor: But it should apply to everyone, not just to one Member.

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Mr. Gurbin: Mr. Speaker, I believe I understand the rules not as completely as you do, but I remember an occasion when I was remarking to myself that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) was reading from a speech. Why should the rules not apply to the Prime Minister—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. I believe we are getting into a reflection on a decision of the Chair. That is exactly what is being done.

Mr. Gurbin: No, Sir, I am asking a simple question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Will the Hon. Member resume his seat? I can answer this because there are exceptions. I will quote from *Beauchesne's* Fifth Edition at page 102: It reads:

Tradition has established exceptions to this principle, and these have been recognized by the Speaker from time to time. Ministers of the Crown, Leaders of Opposition Parties (and those speaking on their behalf), a Member speaking in a language that is not his own, and a Member making his maiden speech—

I could go on, but I feel that is enough to make the point.

Mr. MacDougall: Mr. Speaker, it certainly turned into a lively last ten minutes of debate, I must say.

Miss MacDonald: Tell him about the mining industry.

Mr. MacDougall: I would like to continue, and I will not be going by my notes. Not once in this Budget has there been anything done to help the mining industry in northern Ontario or across this country, Mr. Speaker. Looking back over the years, what has this Government done for the mining industry? What has it done for the secondary industries? What has it done for the diamond drilling industry?

Mr. Taylor: Nothing.

Mr. MacDougall: What has it done for the thousands of unemployed miners across this country?

Mr. Taylor: Nothing.

Mr. MacDougall: Nothing at all, Mr. Speaker. What has this Government done in this Budget to help the tourist industry? Can those Hon. Members opposite tell us where in the Budget the Government has helped the tourist industry?

Mr. Taylor: In Liberal ridings only.

Mr. MacDougall: There is nothing in the Budget to help the tourist industry.

Where has it helped small business across this country? Can the Hon. Members opposite tell us where the Government has helped the mining industry and the tourist industry?

Miss MacDonald: It is just to tax them.

Mr. MacDougall: Tax, tax, tax, that is right. Earlier an Hon. Member opposite talked about the forest industry. What has been done for the forest industry? Where has this Government addressed the problem of the forest industry? I must say to some Hon. Members opposite, yes, we were fortunate a year and a half ago to meet and start to work on the problems of the forest industry, but it has taken too long to get this going, Mr. Speaker. Where is this Government going? It has not helped any of the resource-based industries in Canada which are the backbone of this country. That is where we ought to be looking, Mr. Speaker, at the resource base in this country, what this country is built on, what we have worked on over the years, what has made Canada a natural resource-based country. This Government has neglected it time and time again. What has it done for the fishermen of this country?

Mr. Taylor: Nothing.

Mr. MacDougall: Fishermen on the West Coast and on the East Coast have been given nothing at all. I am glad that I have to forget about my notes because I can say plainly now, Sir, that the people across this country know that our natural resources, our tourism industry, our forest industry, our mining industry, our fisheries, have not been addressed in this Budget. This Government feels that, by giving our senior citizens \$25 in July and another \$25 at the end of the year, it