

which must be played by the government in this matter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House suggest to the minister to make immediately a statement to enlighten the Canadian people about those deplorable conditions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent, therefore the motion cannot be put.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### INFLATION—POSSIBILITY OF ESCALATION IN 1976— GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Now that the economists have had an opportunity to examine the economic outlook in the context of the minister's budget, I wonder whether the minister shares the concern being expressed that inflation is likely to escalate again in 1976, and if he does share that concern when may we expect a significant reaction from the government and could he tell us what it might be.

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I stated that concern fully in the budget speech which I am sure is familiar to the Leader of the Opposition. It depends very much on food prices and on the effect that wage and cost of production increases may have on the price structure of the country.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, the minister having said on May 9, I believe it was, that "all of us must face up to the fact that time is running out," and since we have this prospect facing the country in 1976 of further inflation could the minister tell us whether he proposes to adopt any further policy to encourage restraint not having exercised this option in the budget? Does he, for example, intend to make any further effort to achieve voluntary agreement on restraint.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I said on budget night, and to the press after the budget, that I would wait to assess the reaction to the budget by the leaders of the various sectors of the economy; that I felt one of the advantages of the consensus process had been a further opening of communication between the government and leaders in the economy, and that I intend to keep those channels of communication open.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Stanfield:** Is there any conclusion that anybody can reach other than that the government's only policy for maintaining any kind of restraint in the economy is the continuation of a very substantial unemployment which the Prime Minister has said will be with us for a good long time?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** That is not the conclusion I would ask the hon. gentleman to draw.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think I have been misquoted by the Leader of the Opposition

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is impossible for me to tell whether the point of order needs to be deferred until three o'clock until I hear it.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I believe the Leader of the Opposition misquoted me, and I am sure he would want to correct that if given the chance. If I am allowed to state the misquotation, I will do it now.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I see no reason to withdraw the comment, in view of the Prime Minister's attitude and particularly in view of what he said the other day in response to a question.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not know whether other questions will turn on the quotation. If not, perhaps the point of order should wait until three o'clock.

**Mr. Stanfield:** On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I was not—

**Some hon. Members:** Three o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** Either there is or is not a point of order to be taken now, but the rule must apply the same to both sides of the House.

#### INFLATION—POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM

**Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the minister's statement in reply to my leader that the consensus talks would likely continue, could the minister indicate whether he anticipates he will be able to bring in a voluntary control program as he originally intended?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as I said on budget night, that depends on the reaction of the leaders of the various sectors of the economy to the budget.

#### MINISTER'S ESTIMATE OF RATE OF GROWTH THIS YEAR

**Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe):** As the minister has repeatedly stated that he has always been frank with the Canadian people, and in view of the anticipated high inflation rates, would the minister be frank enough to tell