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presumably in October. I can understand the hon. member remembers that his party when they were in power, used to change its mind and policy every minute. His leader, who had made a name for himself as a man who follows the prevailing wind, was showing the way. With this government, it is a different story. This government has policies which it reviews from time to time and as the need arises. Just now, the Minister of Finance is involved in all sorts of studies and analyses, to prepare for the new budget which he should introduce around October to meet the needs of the economy.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me point out that after two days of debate on economic matters last week, after yesterday's debate on interest rates and inflation, and after the first interventions in today's debate the opposition has only managed to prove its lack of imagination and show in front of all Canadians that, in economic matters as in many other areas, its great tenors are just as boring as the bore of a gun. Canadians were not long seeing through the inanity of the Progressive Conservative government. Its members were simply thrown out. The people expressed their confidence in us, as they also did in the Minister of Finance of this country, and they will go on doing so because even now there are signs of an economic recovery and these will continue to grow in the forthcoming years.

• (1410)

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to take part in this debate today because it is the second anniversary of my election to the House of Commons. I am of the class of 1979. Indeed, I was elected to this House on May 22nd, like so many others such as the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Evans); so, this is indeed a very special day.

[English]

I am very happy to speak on the second anniversary of my election to Parliament in 1979 and that of many members of the House.

An hon. Member: It was also the defeat of a few.

Mr. Waddell: Having listened to the speech of the hon. member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) who introduced—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. There is a question of privilege by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro).

PRIVILEGE

MR. MUNRO (ESQUIMALT-SAANICH)—SECURITY MEASURES ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member for interrupting his speech, but

a question of privilege is normally raised at the first possible opportunity. The opportunity has just arisen.

I have just been driven over from the Confederation Building to this building, and the bus was stopped just because the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) was approaching the doors. If it were raining, we would presumably have had to walk from the bus to the door. The bus is put there for our convenience, and I expect that like any other member of Parliament I have the right to be driven to the door. I asked the Prime Minister if, by any chance, he had issued orders to do this; he said "No", and I suppose I have to take his word for it. It do not know where the orders came from.

I believe Madam Speaker is looking into this matter, but the interruptions and the interferences with members of Parliament are continuing. I do hope that the three instances which have now been brought to her attention will enable her to make a ruling.

When I asked the Prime Minister if he had issued orders, he said "No" I then said, "Well, then, who did?" He said, "Well, if you want to ask me whether I made orders, I will call you a liar". When I asked him if he would come inside the House and say that, he said he would do it right out there.

I therefore feel that this question of privilege is timely because it has just happened, and I wish to have that recorded firmly on the record.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member's question of privilege has been raised. I hope the hon. member carefully chose his words in describing the privilege. The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

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ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICIES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Stevens:

That this House condemns the government's barren economic policies, which are destroying the stability, productivity and competitiveness of the Canadian economy; reminds the hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (Mr. MacEachen) that he is now Minister of Finance and not Secretary of State for External Affairs; asks the minister to see at first hand the misery caused by his abdication of economic leadership by travelling around Canada instead of around the world; and, urges him to then introduce a budget with corrective measures before July 1, 1981, or resign.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, before I go back to my speech, I would like to say, speaking for myself, that I do not personally object if there must be some special security measures around the Prime Minister of Canada at this time, and that we become inconvenienced a little bit because of our buses. This is a very dangerous day and age. This period is a very dangerous one. As there will be a major summit meeting of world leaders in Canada, if we have to suffer a little tougher security, well, that is a problem