

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I would suggest it is an unfortunate extension of the question of privilege in that it has always, in my estimation, been that no hon. member could accuse another of being a liar in the House or to have deliberately misled the House. The hon. member for Joliette said that the minister had lied to the Canadian public. I know, as I stand here, that certainly Mr. Speaker Lamoureux made the distinction that one could say it was a lie to the public, but not in this House.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I have all the time in the world, too. An accusation of lying outside is certainly not an accusation of lying in this House. The privilege is in this House, not outside.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Edmonton West wishes to argue with the decision I have already taken. Rulings in respect of unparliamentary language are within the province of the Speaker. I heard the hon. member accuse another hon. member of the House of deliberately lying. This has been raised by that hon. member as a question privilege. I have found, unless the hon. member withdraws that remark, that I will have to ask him to be removed from the chamber.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House will understand that in the failure of action on the part of the hon. member to whom I have extended the opportunity to withdraw the remark of unparliamentary language, it will be required that a motion, in the ordinary course of the precedents of our House, be put, as is the usual case, by the government House leader in respect of the withdrawal from the chamber or the eviction from the chamber of the hon. member who has uttered the offending remark.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

● (1502)

**Mr. Speaker:** All hon. members are aware that it has become an accepted part of our practice, before arriving at this stage, that an individual member who refuses to comply with an order of the Chair leaves the Chair no choice except to name that hon. member. Once again, before arriving at the stage of naming individually the hon. member for Joliette, I am now indicating to him again, for the third time, that I have found the language that he has used to be unparliamentary and it must be withdrawn, failing which I will have no alternative except to name him and ask that the government House leader make the necessary motion to have him ejected from the chamber for failing to comply with a direct ruling of the Chair.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, with respect, I believe it is important that all of us have an opportunity to see the blues, particularly the government House leader since

he will be asked to move a motion. This parliamentary institution will not crumble to the ground, sir, if we proceed with other business until those blues are ready. I believe it is important that we see them.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member would have a very valid point had it not been for the fact that the hon. member to whom I have referred not only made the allegation in the first place but, in a subsequent presentation after an initial ruling by me, he got up in his place and repeated the allegation that he had made, in substantially the same terms. It is not necessary for me to read the transcript in the face of that. Therefore, in the absence of any action on the part of the hon. member for Joliette, I am left with no alternative but to name Mr. Roch La Salle.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, because of the importance of the situation that has arisen I feel I should explain, at least to the satisfaction of myself, the proceeding in which I am now engaged.

It has been the tradition of the House of Commons that when the Speaker names any particular member, the leader of the government in the House supports the Speaker in that decision. That, I believe, has been the unvarying tradition of the House of Commons with one exception, and when that occurred the Speaker of the day was left in a very exposed, unprotected, and unsupported position. It is therefore my desire in discharging my responsibility to support the Speaker.

I would add that while the Speaker did make the suggestion that I put this motion, it is a decision which the leader of the government in the House makes on his own account, and he can either agree—

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Move a motion.

**Mr. MacEachen:** —or disagree to move the motion. With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, and in accordance with the responsibility that you must discharge to the House, and in support of your responsibility, I would move, seconded by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford):

That the hon. member for Joliette be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of this day's sitting.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It has been moved by Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Basford, that the hon. member for Joliette, Mr. Roch LaSalle, be suspended for the remainder of this day's sitting.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea;