

precisely the role the federal Government might play in the education field in years to come.

[English]

REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, the Minister was indicating to me that he couldn't hear. That is why I was so lengthy.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. de Corneille: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister's Government finally going to step in above and beyond its 5 per cent solution, which is barely more than inflation, to salvage our higher educational system before it starts producing second-class teachers and second-class students, and ultimately have a meltdown—

Some Hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Bouchard: Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member is urging me to assume the responsibilities of the provinces, I will not do so. We know what happened when the previous Government tried something like that. What we intend to do, ever mindful of federal responsibilities—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: With relief, it is three o'clock. Order, please. I am in receipt of a point of order arising from Question Period from the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon).

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POINTS OF ORDER

ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE—
IMPUTATION OF MOTIVES

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), during—

Mr. de Corneille: Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Order, please! The Hon. Member for Eglinton—Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille) will resume his seat. The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon) is on a point of order. I will recognize the Hon. Member in a minute.

Mr. Langdon: During an exchange which took place during Question Period the Minister of Finance suggested that I was attempting to deliberately confuse the House, something at which he is much more a master than I.

Point of Order—Mr. de Corneille

An Hon. Member: Shame on you.

Mr. Langdon: Mr. Speaker, could it be made clear that the GATT provisions do permit retaliatory action—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Order, please! I heard the comment at the time and had to query in my own mind whether there was in fact a breach of parliamentary language. I did not, at the time, think there was, although I must say that the Minister was coming close to imputing motives, which is a breach of our rules. However, I think the Hon. Member is now coming into the area of the facts of debate on the matter which is not a point of order. Does the Hon. Member have a separate point of order?

Mr. Langdon: Mr. Speaker, my direct point of order is that unparliamentary language and unworthy motives have been suggested. I would ask the Minister of Finance to withdraw those—

Mr. Blackburn (Brant): Resign.

Mr. Langdon:—especially in view of his inaccuracy.

Mr. Speaker: I thought the words used by the Hon. Minister were: "attempting to deliberately confuse the country".

Mr. Blackburn (Brant): Is that all? Oh, well, that's okay. Tories are doing that every day.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the Hon. Member has taken an imputation of motives against himself out of those words, I would ask the Hon. Minister—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: If the House responds to the matter a disorder is created, and that appears to be what has happened. I take it that the Hon. Minister did not mean anything personal against the Member and would so indicate.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Mr. Speaker, far be it from me to do anything that was personal. I guess I was very confused. If I imputed a motive, then I withdraw the motive.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

REQUEST FOR APOLOGY

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if the Secretary of State (Mr. Bouchard) would care to apologize in view of the fact that my remarks were stopped in his favour because he was indicating to me he could not hear what was being said. I stopped several times because of that. I wish he would kindly apologize—

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order, please! I stopped the Hon. Member's remarks because they were long. Order, please.

Mr. de Corneille: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please!