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under no conditions do I have to sit here representing 100,000 people and accept the type of abuse that has been thrown not only at me but at every member of the opposition. I think this is a shameful and unacceptable attitude for the Prime Minister of Canada to take.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I challenge any member opposite to say that they heard me utter a single sound, and I challenge the *Hansard* reporter to say whether or not he has recorded anything of that sort.

**Mr. Alexander:** I must say, Mr. Speaker, that I thought the Prime Minister would back down, but any time you make a gesture like this there is no question about what it means.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the hon. member for Broadview has the floor.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I apologize to the hon. member for Broadview. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my point of order is one concerning which I ask for your protection. The Prime Minister has just thrown out a challenge to the *Hansard* reporter. That does not lie with any of us. I ask Your Honour to protect the *Hansard* reporter.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Broadview.

UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUESTED EXTENSION OF SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT CUT-OFF DATE

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the time factor in respect of the programs which the government has implemented to cope with the unemployment situation, will the Prime Minister consider extending the seasonal benefits date, which is June 1, under the Unemployment Insurance Act in order to take care of the time lag regarding unemployment?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will be patient for a few days he will see that new Unemployment Insurance Act legislation will come before the House based on the white paper which was fully discussed by the House some time ago.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Hamilton West on a supplementary question, although I indicated a moment ago that recognition should be given to the hon. member for Shefford.

UNEMPLOYMENT—ATTITUDE OF QUEBEC TO WHITE PAPER ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, my anger is subdued somewhat as a result of [Mr. Alexander.]

the smile on the face of the Prime Minister. I should like to ask him whether in fact, as a result of the opposition to the white paper on unemployment insurance by the province of Quebec, all areas of concern have now been brought back to a common denominator, and is the province now prepared to go along with the terms of the white paper?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot speak for the province of Quebec. There have been several meetings with them. The hon. member will see the results of the white paper in the bill that will be put before the House. I cannot predict what the province of Quebec will say or how it will react to this bill.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair has indicated that we should recognize the hon. member for Shefford. Would the hon. member kindly resume his seat? I have indicated that there should not be any more supplementary questions for the moment on this very important matter. I will return to the hon. member for Spadina in a moment. I gather that the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. I believe it is customary for each party to be allowed to ask one major question. No main question has been asked by this party.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I appreciate the point being made by the hon. member. At times there are a number of supplementary questions on the first general question, in which two of the major opposition parties participate. As a result members of the party to the extreme left do not have the opportunity of asking a question. In equity and justice I feel that they should be given the opportunity to ask a question after about half of the question period has been taken up by two of the parties in the House. That is why I am inclined to make an exception this afternoon. The point has been well taken and I am sure the hon. member for Shefford is prepared to wait for a moment while we hear from the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I am quite prepared to wait if the hon. member for Shefford wants to proceed.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING FREEZING OF SALARIES

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, for a moment I thought that the faces made in this House would prevent me from asking questions.

I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister about the freezing of wages. As I note that often the Canadian policy is based on that of the United States as regards, for instance, the fluctuation of the Bank of