

this country saying to the people in the rest of Canada—in Saskatchewan where I live and in neighbouring provinces—“There is the government once again giving this special form of treatment to Quebec”. They would have said that once again.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lang: Time and time again, Mr. Speaker, the tragedy of the action of the Conservative party is that, whatever its public and apparent stand is here in this House, back on the hustings across this country they seize upon every—

An hon. Member: Grit failure.

Mr. Lang:—opportunity—

An hon. Member: Like price and incomes controls.

Mr. Lang:—to encourage feelings of hate and antipathy in this country.

I am going to invite the hon. member for Joliette to go on a trip with me—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lang:—and to watch what some Conservative friends of his have been saying in urging in this country a lack of patience for Francophones, people who seize upon an easy and ancient prejudice. It is there, Mr. Speaker. It is there to be picked up in our hands and grappled with. And grapple with it we must if this country is to stay together. But instead of grappling with it, the Conservatives go into Anglophone Canada and feed it with their lies and deceptions and their urgings to hate—

An hon. Member: Don't you wish you believed that?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I realize the minister is trying to make a point, even though ever so inadequately.

An hon. Member: He is desperate.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: But I think he would want to reconsider his reference to lies, because that certainly is unparliamentary.

Mr. Lang: No, Mr. speaker, I would not. Unfortunately that has been the course of action of the Conservative party in the west, which I know so well, where they have—

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): I have listened to the point of order raised by the hon. member—

An hon. Member: A point of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The hon. member first rose on a point of order.

Income Tax Act

Mr. Mazankowski: With the greatest respect and deference to the minister, he did indicate and did suggest that western members of parliament go out and perpetuate lies—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mazankowski:—about Francophones in this country. Those Conservative members are western members of parliament. The implication was directly toward Conservative members, Mr. Speaker. I am a western Conservative member. If the minister can categorically state in this House where I have deliberately lied or misled, either directly or indirectly, I would challenge him to make that statement right here and now.

Mr. Paproski: And put his seat on the line.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mazankowski: I ask that the minister do the courteous thing and withdraw that remark.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. I did hear the remarks of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) but I do not think I heard him say the hon. members of the Conservative party; I believe he said the Conservative party. However, if the Minister of Transport did say the hon. members of the Conservative party, then that was certainly unparliamentary.

[*English*]

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, incidentally I have in mind some kinds of promotion. I understand recently the Conservative party has been promoting a book by a certain hotliner in British Columbia which talks about a \$1 billion bribe to Quebec under the DREE program. If that, Mr. Speaker, is not lies and deception, I do not know what is.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: You are sick.

An hon. Member: You are fighting for your life.

Mr. Lang: This is a very serious matter—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. minister but his allotted time has expired.

An hon. Member: He is sick and expired.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. I understand the hon. member for Kootenay West would like to ask a question of the hon. minister, but as his time has expired we would need unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.