

wise is simply not in keeping with the truth, as the Prime Minister saw it.

We will examine the “blues”, in terms of other comments made and respond to the hon. member.

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on the question of privilege raised by my colleague. I sit directly across from the Prime Minister in the House. The Prime Minister, quite clearly, was heard by many members sitting on this side of the House. I ask the Speaker to take the word of members. The hon. member from Hamilton brought it to your attention during Question Period, Mr. Speaker, quite loudly.

I heard every word the Prime Minister said. He said the member was a hypocrite. He then went on to say, and I am sure the clerk will record it, “Every damn word is a lie”. Those are the Prime Minister’s words, Mr. Speaker.

That kind of language by the Prime Minister and the example set by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister in attacking a premier outside of this House, does not lead to constructive debate in this House, it sets a poor tone. The example is coming from the Prime Minister; it is coming from his parliamentary secretary; it is not constructive; it is destroying the institution; they ought to apologize, without editorial comment.

#### COMMENTS DURING DEBATE ON BILL C-40

**Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence):** Mr. Speaker, on the question of privilege. I was in the House yesterday during the debate that caused the question of privilege by my hon. colleague, the hon. member for Scarborough—Agincourt.

I was here during the debate. I remember what the hon. member for Souris—Moose Mountain indicated about other persons who were not here, Mr. Clyde Wells and my leader, Jean Chrétien. He clearly interrupted my colleague in the middle of the debate that dealt with the contribution made by those who were not born here in this country. It was very clear to me and, I think, to other members that he was referring to that particular element that was being introduced into the debate.

#### Privilege

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand the very strong feelings of the hon. member but we have heard the hon. member on a question, as he put it, of personal privilege. I have listened to it and the House has listened to it. I have also heard from the parliamentary secretary and the parliamentary secretary has said that whatever he did or did not do, if offence was taken, he apologizes for it and that closes it off. After that—

**Ms. Copps:** What about “bloody hypocrite”?

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. member feels the matter is not closed, I would like time to look at exactly what the parliamentary secretary said. If I feel that it was not an appropriate withdrawal, then I will come back to the House. But we are not going to reargue it now.

On the other question, I have listened very carefully to what has been said. I will look very carefully at *Hansard* and I would hope that the matter would resolve itself at the earliest opportunity but if it does not, then I will of course take steps to do something about it.

**Mr. Jack Shields (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I think it should be made clear that, as you mentioned in your remarks, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister had made a withdrawal. I would like to suggest, Mr. Speaker, that you can take this under advisement.

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He also did say that he did not refer in any way to ethnic origin or immigrants, but he referred to the actions of the liberal government in killing unity in this country in the CBC. I think that should really be pointed out very clearly.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Athabasca has—

**Mr. Arseneault:** It’s in *Hansard*.

**Mr. Speaker:** —on a point of order really risen to reargue the position the parliamentary secretary made. I heard the parliamentary secretary. I will look very carefully at his remarks. If necessary, I will come back to the House.

On the other matter, as I have said, I hope it resolves itself. If it does not, then of course I shall have to do whatever it is that is appropriate.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, having heard the Prime Minister state quite categorically that my colleague, the