

*Hansard* will show that, and I am asking the Chair to find that not only were those comments made outside the House by a Government representative, Ambassador Reisman, but that those comments have now been defended and in fact repeated in the House by a Minister of the Crown. That is beyond any doubt clearly in violation of the privileges of Members of this Chamber.

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor)** Mr. Speaker, since the Deputy House Leader (Mr. Lewis) has referred in such glowing terms to the setting forth of my question, I simply want to indicate that in my view it would be very important to look not just at the original stories dealing with Mr. Reisman's comments but at the stories which followed from committee yesterday in which Mr. Reisman first backed off from his statements and then appeared in press comments subsequent to the committee meeting to have reinforced and restated his opinions. I think it is both sets of newspaper reporting that should be examined.

• (1220)

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I want to make just one reference to *Hansard* in order to aid you in your decision-making. It is found at page 10166 of *Hansard*, October 20, 1987:

Canadians should be asking which is worse, genuine racism or using racism as a tool? I suggest that this Government has been using racism as a tool to pass repressive legislation.

No one ever raised a question of privilege about it, but those words were spoken by the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly).

**Mr. Manly:** Very true!

**Mr. Friesen:** How is it that if a government Member is purported to have made that statement, it is seen as bad, yet when an opposition Member stands in this House and makes an accusation like that against the Government that is seen by members of the Opposition as being okay?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I thank Hon. Members for their representations. The Chair will, of course, look into both questions of privilege and report to the House.

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#### POINT OF ORDER

##### CORRECTION TO STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Point of order, Mr. Speaker. During Question Period today, when I referred to the agreement sanctioned by the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) during his very early days as Leader of the Liberal Party, I referred once correctly to it as an agreement and once incorrectly as a treaty.

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It was an agreement. It is nonetheless binding, but I want the record to show that my reference to the word "treaty" was an inaccurate reference.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Minister.

The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) on a point of order?

**Mr. Fulton:** Question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

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#### PRIVILEGE

##### ALLEGED UNPARLIAMENTARY CONDUCT—REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF RULING

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, word made its way to me just prior to eleven o'clock this morning that I was not going to be recognized during Question Period. I had a very serious matter to raise with respect to the Lubicon Indian Band. What I want to find out is precisely what the ruling is. The matter I was directly linked to was adjourned yesterday and my understanding of a matter that is adjourned is that a ruling is being considered, one way or the other.

It seems clear to me that once word arrives to me that I am not going to be recognized during Question Period, when there are important matters to raise, such as those affecting the Lubicon Band because of the decision made last night by the Government of Alberta—

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** There are consequences to your actions, Jim.

**Mr. Fulton:** —it means that my rights as a Member are being tampered with.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** By yourself.

**Mr. Fulton:** I would like some clarification from the Chair as to exactly what the ruling is with respect to the matter raised on Wednesday. As I made clear to the Chair yesterday, it is not my intention to withdraw the remarks I made in relation to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney).

**Mr. Speaker:** Yesterday the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) took a position with the Chair that he would not withdraw remarks which are clearly unparliamentary, the kind of remarks which are not permitted here, never have been permitted here, and I think the wish of this House is that they will not be permitted here. Having done that, the Chair has one option; the Hon. Member could be named and put out of here for a couple of hours. In the opinion of the Chair that is no discipline whatsoever.

Second, I have asked the Hon. Member to reconsider his position. I have not put any time limits on it. I should also say that the Hon. Member for Skeena is very well and honourably