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**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Simmons:** I appeal to him to stop the low theatrics and to allow the legitimate work of this House to proceed. What the Opposition is asking for in this motion is a kangaroo court.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Payola to continue.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** What have you got against Australians?

**Mr. Simmons:** I cannot oblige the Opposition's request because I do not believe in kangaroo courts and I will not be part of one. I tell the Leader of the Opposition and his merry band over there that the lynch mobs went out over a century ago. They may want to turn back the clock a hundred years or more but they cannot expect my blessing to do so.

Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the most touching moment today was when the Hon. Member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) decided to participate in the debate. Old sweet innocence himself, the Hon. Member for Joliette. This is the same fellow who said, when he was in Government in 1979, that he would see to it that the Tories would get all the gravy. He would see to it that the Tories got preferred treatment. He would ensure—and he said this publicly because I have the clipping if someone would like to check my facts—that the Tories in Quebec got all the Government goodies. Today, Mr. Speaker—he stands for impartiality. He is on the side of truth and fairness today. He is on the side of academic purity. How perfectly touching. How completely heart-rending.

Now, Mr. Speaker, who is this honourable crowd, these crusading Tories who are suddenly seized by a concern for conflict of interest guidelines? Who are they? They include my good friend, the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie). When he was Minister in the Government of 1979 he told his Prime Minister publicly that he could not live with the guidelines.

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**Mr. McDermid:** But he did.

**Mr. Simmons:** He said he had no intention of doing so. He stuck by his word and did not live by them.

**Some Hon. Members:** He did.

**An Hon. Member:** Who are they?

**Mr. Simmons:** My good friend, the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid) may not like the truth, but I would ask him to check the record. I have the clippings. The Hon. Member for St. John's West said he would not abide by the guidelines, and did not do so.

**Mr. McDermid:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member is deliberately misleading the House. The Hon. Member for St. John's West in fact—

**Mr. Pinard:** Withdraw that.

**Mr. McDermid:** —did live by the guidelines.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. I thought the Hon. Member rose on a point of order to question the issue of parliamentary language. Unfortunately, if that was his intention, he began his comments with unparliamentary language as well.

It is with regret that I have to advise the Hon. Member that he should withdraw the expression "deliberately misleading". I shall then recognize him for the point of order.

**Mr. McDermid:** Thank you for the correction, Mr. Speaker. I do withdraw those words, but the Hon. Member is misleading the House. The Hon. Member for St. John's West did in fact live by the guidelines.

**Mr. Simmons:** As you will clearly see, Mr. Speaker, it is my word against that of the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown.

**Mr. McDermid:** It is your word against the record.

**Mr. Simmons:** Perhaps we could leave it at that, Mr. Speaker, because that speaks for itself.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Tell us where he broke the guidelines.

**Mr. Simmons:** These crusaders for the conflict of interest rules include my good friend, the Hon. Member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson), who also said publicly at the time that he was going to have real difficulty living by the guidelines.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** But he did.

**Mr. Simmons:** Those crusaders include the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) who had some real reservations about the guidelines.

**Mr. McDermid:** But he did live by them.

**Mr. Simmons:** Those same crusading Tories who are now seized with concern for conflict of interest guidelines, a concern they have come to very lately—

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Oh, no!

**Mr. Simmons:** —include my good friend, the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington), who said publicly at the time that he would have to rethink his whole commitment to public life if he were to be obliged to live by the guidelines brought in by the Hon. Member for Yellowhead (Mr. Clark) who was then the Prime Minister. These are some of the people—

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Who live by those guidelines.

**Mr. Simmons:** —who today want to point fingers. The jig is up, Mr. Speaker.

I ask the Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) to compare notes with the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn) who spent the last 20 minutes of what was, for the most part, a very good speech, saying that he was all for sweet innocence, for a non-partisan approach. He said that finger-pointing was not part of his approach. The Hon.