

Mr. McGrath: It certainly is.

Mr. Deans: There was no agreement not to place any other amendments. I did the negotiating. There was no agreement. It was not even mentioned.

Mr. McGrath: The agreement concerned the Government side. It is not yours.

Mr. Deans: The Member can sit and babble on all he wishes. I was at the meeting and there was no such agreement.

Mr. McGrath: That is not true.

Mr. Deans: I beg your pardon? I demand that that be withdrawn.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. It seems to me that the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) was given the floor to put a question or make a comment on the basis of the previous Member's speech. In the opinion of the Chair, however, the Hon. Member departed from the content of the speech made by the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald) in order to introduce a totally new matter.

In the Chair's opinion, that is a departure from the understanding of how this question and comment period should be used. If the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain wishes to introduce a new element of debate under the guise of a point of order, in the opinion of the Chair that is hardly acceptable under the general agreement as to how the period should be used.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I now rise on a point of order. I ask that you require the Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) to withdraw his statement that what I said was untrue.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): After consultation with the Table, the Chair should inform the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain that the statement made by the Hon. Member for St. John's East is found both in the list of unparliamentary language and in parliamentary language that has been accepted since a certain date.

However, in the Chair's opinion, which of course is the Chair's opinion and nothing else, the statement made by the Hon. Member for St. John's East is not emphatic in the sense that he has made an accusation that the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is—

Mr. Deans: You are getting yourself into a mess. Ask him to withdraw it.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Stop challenging the Chair.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): If the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain would let me complete my remarks, for an Hon. Member to say that an Hon. Member is not saying the truth is not necessarily the equivalent of saying he is liar. That

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is the Chair's understanding of previous decisions by other occupants of the chair.

If it pleases the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, I shall give an opportunity to the Hon. Member for St. John's East to clarify his statement if that may be helpful.

Mr. McGrath: In order to get on with it, I am surprised the Hon. Member is so hypersensitive. What I said was not unparliamentary but I will withdraw it and I will tell the Hon. Member that he is guilty of a gross terminological inexactitude.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I will not accept the substitution of other words to achieve the same end. Surely that is unacceptable by the Chair. Surely the Chair either requires that the statement be withdrawn or he names the Member.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Obviously what the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) said as an interjection is not unparliamentary. You have expressed your view in that regard. Therefore the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) has no right to get up and demand that you order the Member to withdraw his remarks.

Mr. Deans: That is a lie.

Mr. McGrath: That is unparliamentary.

Mr. Deans: That is unparliamentary too, I will tell you. But that is a lie. Page 110 of Beaudesne clearly states that you may not use the term "untrue". Read your book. Now you have yourself in a mess.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. It is the Chair's duty to try to reconcile different points of view arising in the House, taking into account the circumstances in which they occur. The Chair earlier based a decision on precedents that certain words—

Mr. Deans: Pages 110, 112 and 113. Take a look.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): —are to be found in both lists of parliamentary or unparliamentary language in Beaudesne. I can refer Hon. Members to page 113 and the use of the word "untrue". It is to be found as well on page 110.

Mr. Deans: Meaning what? Those are unparliamentary words.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): It is in both lists and previous occupants of the Chair have ruled on a number of occasions that words found in both lists are not deemed to be unparliamentary language. That was the Chair's earlier ruling. The Chair does not intend to go back on that ruling.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.