

Supply

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will check the "blues". If the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria), who has been here now for a couple of years, did say something that he in his own mind thinks was unparliamentary, I invite him to withdraw it.

If not, I will look at the "blues" and deal with the matter at the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, first let me say to the Hon. Member across that I totally disagree with her claim that you were distracted. As we all know, the Speaker is never distracted. It is contempt for the Chair to suggest that the Speaker is distracted. We know that that is not true, and I resent that being said of you, Mr. Speaker.

Mrs. Mailly: You are an embarrassment to this House.

Mr. Boudria: To come back to the point she has raised, as insignificant a point as it is, and as is usually the case when that Member speaks, I merely brought to the attention of the House that I hope that the Minister this week-end, when travelling around in his limousine, would think about the issues that I am about to raise.

Mr. McDermid: What limousine? He drives a Chev.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, what is unparliamentary about a reference to the Minister's limousine, which is probably double-parked or triple-parked outside, in the way that the limousines of Ministers usually are?

I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that if the Hon. Member opposite—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order. As I said previously, I will examine the "blues". The debate has been running well this afternoon. It is Friday, May 22, and we still have 50-odd minutes to go. I would hope that Hon. Members would carry on in such a way that we could close off the week in a nice, friendly way.

The Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria).

[Translation]

Mr. Boudria: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I promise to speak more slowly in order not to mislead the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly). If I speak more slowly, perhaps she can get a better grasp of what I am saying, and so a better understanding. I would like, Mr. Speaker, to quote the Prime Minister, things he said in the past but, as you will see, did not happen quite the way they should have.

[English]

What we are talking about today, Mr. Speaker, is the Prime Minister's failure to address the issue of the United States

wanting what I would consider to be unfettered access and unfettered limitation in terms of investments in our country.

Mr. McDermid: Those are your words.

Mr. Boudria: I wish to bring to your attention, Mr. Speaker, the comments of the Prime Minister in the days when he was the MP for Central Nova. On June 1, 1983, he said, as reported in *The Globe and Mail*:

This country could not survive with a policy of unfettered free trade. I'm all in favour of eliminating unfair protectionism, where it exists. This is a separate country.

We'd be swamped. We have in many ways a branch-plant economy, in many ways, in certain important sectors. All that would happen with that kind of concept would be the boys cranking up their plants throughout the United States in bad times and shutting their entire branch plants in Canada. It's bad enough as it is . . .

Would you believe, Mr. Speaker, that the same fellow who is Prime Minister today is quoted as having said that in 1983! He said further, and again I quote:

And things like auto pacts and fishing treaties, to name but two, are a small price to pay to have a wonderful country like Canada sitting on your doorstep. And so I limit my free-trade concept to strictly bilateral issues that benefit Canada and serve the relationship with the United States too.

Mr. McDermid: That is what we are doing.

Mr. Boudria: The Member for Brampton—Georgetown (Mr. McDermid) says that that is great.

Mr. McDermid: I did not say it was great. I said that that is exactly what we are doing.

Mr. Boudria: Well, it is not great, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister is not living up to commitments that he himself made.

I know that even the Hon. Member opposite knows better than what he is saying now. Let me again quote the words of the Prime Minister. These are comments made to *The Ottawa Citizen* by the Prime Minister on July 4, 1985.

We know, of course, the transformation that happened on his taking power. When he took power, his views of Canada and of the world, and particularly his views of the United States, changed dramatically. After all, the United States is very important to the Prime Minister. And even then, Mr. Speaker, he was a little bit more Canadian than some would believe he is now. I read from *The Ottawa Citizen* article of July 4, 1985:

Mulroney corrected a reporter who asked about the Government's plans for free trade with the United States—"we never discuss free trade," the Prime Minister said.

That was his position at that time: "We never discuss free trade". Remember that, Mr. Speaker, because I will be coming back to it later. He went on to say:

Enhanced trade or trade agreements impact not only on the United States but on our trading relations with allies, upon GATT—in which Canada is a participant).