

*Time Allocation*

first Speaker. He was my trainer, in effect. Sometimes he recognized me and sometimes he did not. But if he did not recognize me, Mr. Speaker, I did not stand up on another spurious point of order, cast aspersions and reflect on the character of the Government House Leader who was trying to carry on the government debate. Many times I did not get recognized, but I took my lumps and vowed to come back another day.

That is what members opposite with integrity do, and most of them have integrity. Unfortunately, perhaps the passions of the debate have carried everybody too far, but let us not get down into the lower swampland and cast personal aspersions on people who are trying to do the nation's business. No wonder this institution is in such a state of ill repute when this type of thing goes on, together with the sham and the hypocrisy. What about all those members opposite who have been here 18 years? The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) cannot say on a stack of Bibles that it has not happened X number of times that a Speaker quite properly, when there were a lot of members talking and standing, recognized the Minister of the day.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Lapierre:** Mr. Speaker, like my colleagues I was able to witness an incident which is regrettable indeed and which will certainly be noted in the records of this Parliament. Any impartial observer, a Member on either side of the House—perhaps we had a purpose, but I am convinced that people in the press gallery or visitors in the galleries did realize that something happened in this House when the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) was recognized, that it was certainly not as fair and as obvious as some Government Members would have us believe.

Mr. Speaker, it is a fact that it did look as though the Chair—if it did not act in connivance—was so much aware of the intentions of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs that it gave him a practically privileged opportunity. I think that Members of the Opposition who are witnessing the tyranny of the majority are saying to themselves: If Mr. Speaker has a problem with his left ear he cannot hear points of order or questions of privilege, and he is already prepared to justify his action. Mr. Speaker, I think the whole institution stands to suffer from it.

And when a clown like the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs who made us . . . I can hardly wait for the public to pass judgment on him, Mr. Speaker.

**Mrs. Duplessis:** Look at yourself before calling others clowns.

**Mr. Lapierre:** I am anxious to see how the public will judge the attitude of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, I feel this is not to the benefit of this institution and certainly not to the benefit of this Government, because there is a principle that all

Members in this House are equal. And normally, whether a Member is a Minister of the Crown or not, he has no privileged access to the Chair.

And my personal impression, Mr. Speaker, which I hope in your final remarks you can correct, my impression is that you were aware of the intentions of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and that if you did not favour him, at the very least you meant him no harm. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that any member who witnessed that unfortunate exercise, and more still the attitude of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs himself, will ensure that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, in view of his attitude, certainly will have tremendous problems having his legislation passed. Because if he thinks he will use majority tyranny along with, whatever the term may be, some kind of perceived complicity, I believe that the minister, who should know all the rules of fair play, should remember that it is not with that kind of little tricks that he will push his legislation forward.

There are other means which the Opposition may use to bring the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to his senses and to make sure that he does not benefit from his petty attitude. When I hear my hon. friend opposite mention democracy, I feel that democracy itself should make it possible for us to be heard just as much as a Minister of the Crown. Yet, Mr. Speaker, the impression we had, perhaps wrongly, is that there were hearing problems on the left side and that the Minister of the Crown was quite prepared to make his little show, move his motion and that he was more lucky than the rest of us.

For the relevancy of the institution and especially for the recognition of the justice and fairness principles generally, Mr. Speaker, I suggest this is a dark day indeed. Personally, as a member of this House . . . I am sure that from now on several of my colleagues will seriously question the objectivity of the Chair's rulings. This situation is deplorable, because ever since your appointment to this noble position, Mr. Speaker, you had shown a high level of objectivity and fairness, and everybody had praised your efforts so far. I find this deplorable, especially in the context of a Government with a 211 member majority. If the Opposition starts feeling persecuted and unfairly treated, the atmosphere in the House will automatically deteriorate. I feel the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs should be the person most directly concerned about this, because in my opinion he has abused your kindness, Mr. Speaker. I dare hope that following the debate on this point of order, you will show your fairness about the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs' attitude toward the quite legitimate point raised by my colleague the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier who could not be heard at the proper time. And I think, Mr. Speaker, that if we want to have some order in this House, that kind of puny tricks cannot be allowed and surely the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) will deeply regret his attitude today, because I am convinced that he is involved in that scheme. The whole House surely feels