

a Member from the government side of the House called me a racist during Question Period. I believe the Hon. Member knows who he is and I would like to give him this opportunity to withdraw that comment.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member has put the Chair in some difficulty. First, it is clearly not a question of privilege but a question of language, and I therefore take it the Hon. Member meant to raise a point of order on the matter. The Chair heard nothing along those lines, so if the Hon. Member is making an allegation that a particular Hon. Member said something—

Ms. Copps: He stood up and—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not know which Member the Hon. Member is speaking of.

Mr. Gauthier: He stood up.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have seen no Hon. Members rising on this matter.

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, while the Chair may not have heard the comment clearly, the Hon. Member who has raised the point of order did hear a remark. That remark was unfortunate but it was made in the context of the document from which the Hon. Member was reading and the statement made by a witness rather than directed at the Hon. Member, whose facility in both languages is well understood and commendable.

Mr. Speaker: I do not know why it is that I do not feel less confused. Is the Hon. Member saying that he made the remark and is withdrawing it? Is that what he wishes the House to understand?

Mr. Brisco: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

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POINTS OF ORDER

INTERJECTION MADE IN PREVIOUS DAY'S DEBATE

Mr. Sid Fraleigh (Lambton-Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order. Yesterday, as I was attempting to point out some economic flaws contained in a speech delivered by the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), an interjection was made, an interjection which I myself did not hear at the time. However, I think if you will check *Hansard*, Mr. Speaker, you will discover that there was an interjection made by the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) and that that Hon. Member owes the House an apology. I ask for this apology not for me personally since I have been insulted by experts. I do not need any lessons from him. However, he does owe the House an apology.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, sometimes the Hon. Member makes it difficult for me to withdraw remarks. I will certainly withdraw that which I

called him. I must say that there was a lot of motivation behind it.

An Hon. Member: What did you say?

Mr. Waddell: I will not repeat what I called him. I would like to withdraw that word, and while I am on my feet—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do appreciate that the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) will sit down and allow me to recognize him on another point of order.

WITHDRAWAL OF COMMENT RESPECTING MINISTER

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, while we are all being so generous, gentlemanly and womanly, I would like to withdraw a comment I made at the beginning of my question regarding the difficulty in finding the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney). I see her in the House now so obviously there is no difficulty. I had just hoped that she would come in at the beginning of the day.

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise the House and the Hon. Member that the Hon. Member's own Research Office was told that I would be in the House late.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF EIGHTEENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the eighteenth Report of the Striking Committee.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[Translation]

PETITIONS

SITUATION OF FIREFIGHTERS AT VAL-D'OR AIRPORT

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty as the Member for Abitibi to table a petition signed by firemen at the Val-d'Or airport, concerning twelve firemen who have been without a contract since July 1984.

[English]

OPPOSITION TO BUDGET PROVISIONS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to present two petitions, one from the Kamloops Women's Resources Centre speaking out against a