

have a good cross section of Albertans there, both from various parties, political parties in Alberta—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot): That is a downright lie.

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Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members know from experience and the rulings of the Chair that certain words ought not to be spoken in the House in respect of any member, and if any member makes statements or uses words, whether standing in the House or from his seat, that get on *Hansard* and that are unparliamentary, an intervention from the Chair is called for, and a request for withdrawal by the hon. member who has used such language.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I distinctly heard the hon. member for Crowfoot say that I had made an outright lie. I would want him to withdraw those words.

● (1540)

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, it appears that my constituency was mentioned. I heard the Prime Minister say he had made an attempt to have a good cross-section of the representatives of the people at the dinner for which his government was responsible to entertain Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip. I believe the Prime Minister made no such attempt, even to have all the representatives of the people of Calgary at that dinner. If he overlooked the representatives of the people from Calgary at that dinner which was held in the city of Calgary, it is hard to believe he made a sincere effort to have all the representatives there.

Mr. Speaker: The Prime Minister says he heard an hon. member utter words which, if they were said, will appear in *Hansard* and if an hon. member accepts or admits having said those words, an explanation is certainly not sufficient. The words should be withdrawn. As far as the Chair is concerned, there was no member standing at that point and no one had the right to make any kind of statement or comment. I certainly heard the words coming from the general direction of my left. If the hon. member said the words and is prepared to recognize that he used the words, he has no alternative but to withdraw them.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot): I believe Your Honour is directing those remarks to me. I listened closely to the words of the Prime Minister. He made no attempt to substantiate the fact that he had attempted to have the representatives of the people of Calgary at that dinner, let alone a good cross-section—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The difficulty of the Chair is that if the words are recorded and they appear in the name of the hon. member, he should withdraw. I know he

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is a conscientious member. He has been a member of this House for a long time and knows the rules. He knows in his mind and heart whether he has spoken the words. If so, he has no alternative but to withdraw them. That is a responsibility he has to face.

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I believe it is generally recognized that it is only a member who has the floor whose statements are on the official record, unless they are recognized by the member concerned as having been said by him.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's supplementary might keep until tomorrow. For the moment we have this problem. The point made by the hon. member for Malpeque represents my difficulty. If a member makes a remark from his seat which is unparliamentary, the Chair has no way of knowing whether the member has made the remark or whether he accepts the responsibility. It is the responsibility of members in conscience not to make remarks which are unparliamentary. If they make such remarks, they should withdraw them. I am not going to stand here as a father confessor and go into hon. members' minds and consciences. On that basis, I am quite satisfied to let the matter stand. Orders of the day.

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PROVISION OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PARTIES FOR CERTAIN BROADCASTING TIME

The House resumed, from Tuesday, July 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacEachen that Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, so as to complete my remarks of yesterday on the present legislation, I would like first of all to make a comment. It is evident that if we carefully read the clauses of this bill, we realize that such a legislation would simply confirm the existence of election funds. Now, I wanted to prove in my comments that should we wish to make our elections more democratic we would have to aim at constantly reducing the importance of electoral funds, so that the people's voice in election time be truly free and democratic.

Then, this legislation rather seems to confirm the legitimacy of electoral funds. This is why I hesitate to support it.

However, this bill as a whole gives rise to many questions, since it deals at the same time with the possibility of collecting moneys to carry out an election and with a reimbursement. The minister should have given a clear explanation of how he can talk about collecting and reimbursing money in the same breath.