

it with what can only be a personal attack upon a very distinguished Member of this House, the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte Marie, a former Member of the Quebec Assembly, in light of the words he read from Beaudesne's, Section 319(3), where he said a Member of the House will not be permitted:

—to impute to any Member or Members unworthy motives for their actions in a particular case;

Surely he is doing the very thing he has incorrectly complained about with respect to the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte Marie in his unworthy and unwarranted personal attack.

Therefore I respectfully ask you to reject his point of order as being totally unfounded, and perhaps equally, if not more importantly, to call upon the Parliamentary Secretary to apologize for his unworthy, undeserving and totally wrong personal attack on the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte Marie.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, I want to simply add what I think is a very important point. The Parliamentary Secretary stood in his place and went on at some length about the need for decorum and respect from Members. Then he looked across at the opposition and said the Hon. Member in question was the most offensive Member of all of them. When I look in Beaudesne I find that the use of the word "offensive" is unparliamentary. In other words, in his effort to make the House of Commons a more parliamentary place the Parliamentary Secretary was himself using unparliamentary language as defined in Beaudesne. I simply make that point to put the quality of the argument in perspective.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary has raised a point of order concerning the use of a word today by the Hon. Member from Montreal—Sainte Marie (Mr. Malépart). The point the Chair has to decide is whether or not that word is unparliamentary. The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary said that the Chair should consider the context in which the word was used. The Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) has pointed out that there is a long list of words which perhaps none of us would want thrown at us and which have been ruled as unparliamentary.

I am not going to rule at the moment. I will look very carefully at the "blues". I want Hon. Members to know that the point I am taking is the single and narrow point of whether or not the use of the word "courage" in the context in which it was used is parliamentary or unparliamentary. However, I will say this. Sometimes the difficulty in the Chamber comes not from the use of unparliamentary words at all, but from the use of words in the heat of debate which hurt another person's feelings. When those words are used it invites some kind of retaliation. Sometimes the retaliation is wit, sometimes it is sarcasm, sometimes it is the use of the same kind of word or worse.

I think all Hon. Members will know that decorum in the House depends, not just on staying on the fine line of what is parliamentary, but also on Hon. Members using their best

efforts at all times to not use language which they in their common sense ought to know will hurt or wound the feelings of another Hon. Member.

The Chair will carefully consider the matter and come back to the Chamber at an appropriate time. I have not called upon the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte Marie because the House Leader for the Official Opposition spoke eloquently on his behalf. Unless the Hon. Member has some great feeling that he needs to get into the debate, perhaps that will now conclude the debate. I see the Hon. Member signifying his acceptance of the Chair's suggestion.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, in the true spirit of the House of Commons, the Parliamentary Secretary did refer to the Hon. Member as being offensive. I think it would only be appropriate that he now be asked to withdraw that remark.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I believe I said the tactics of the Hon. Member were the most offensive of any Member in the House. That is what I meant to say. If my friend, who has come to his rescue, wishes me to withdraw my remarks that he is the most offensive member of the opposition, I will withdraw my remarks that he is the most offensive member of the Opposition. I will instead suggest that the tactics used by the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte Marie are the most offensive of any tactics used by members of the opposition.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think it might be helpful if the Chair takes the representations made and considers them carefully and we close off the debate. Unless some Member has a specific charge to make, I do not think this will advance the cause of good conduct in this Chamber and it probably is not going to help the Chair very much either.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HUMAN RIGHTS

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw to the attention of all Hon. Members that today is the day we commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Thirty-eight years ago, on December 10, 1948 the UN General Assembly set out a comprehensive framework for the rights and freedoms of all people around the world.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the celebration of Human Rights Day has a special meaning this year since 1986 is the International Year of Peace.

[English]

The inevitable link which exists between human rights and peace is highlighted in the first paragraph of the Universal