

Points of Order

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I think your comments earlier in respect to another question of privilege were well taken. Perhaps we could all learn from them.

Indeed, there was a reaction to what was a very pejorative preamble to the hon. member's question. It was inaccurate and pejorative. That produced the kind of reaction that kind of pejorative accusation invites. That is why Beauchesne's suggests that they are out of order.

As I have indicated, I heard no such unparliamentary remarks on this side. I heard lots on that side.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has raised, as a question of privilege—it may be a point of order; I have to look at it—his complaint about some comments that the Prime Minister made to him.

The hon. government House leader, in the absence of the Prime Minister, is responding. Other members may want to respond, and I hope it will not go on too long.

We could probably conclude the matter—I hope eventually satisfactorily—if all hon. members would just remember that the fundamental rule is that when a member is on his or her feet they are not to be interrupted unduly.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, as I was endeavouring to try to say, we will examine the “blues”. I heard reaction to what I indicated earlier was a pejorative preamble to the question of the hon. member. That is the kind of thing that happens. I wish it would happen less in both the reaction and in the pejorative preambles.

We should all wish that it would happen less. Nevertheless, we will examine the “blues”. I am sure that the Prime Minister, who has demonstrated many, many times in the past that he respects the rules of this House and the rulings of the Chair, will respond appropriately depending on what the “blues” say.

Mr. Speaker: I also have a point of privilege from the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell.

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon I gave notice to the Chair and the Prime Minister that I wished to raise this point.

I cannot repeat the words that were said but they were directed at either the member for Winnipeg North Centre or myself, or both, in which—

An hon. member: Twice.

Mr. Boudria: Twice. We were, and I will paraphrase, described as illegitimate sons. I will not use the words nor the prefix that was attached to it except to say that it starts with an *f* and it was not complimentary.

Both of those words were said. It is true. Members on this side of the House—

An hon. member: Fuddle—duddle.

Mr. Boudria:—certainly heard and saw it.

Mr. Speaker: I take it that, at least partially, the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell is up on the same point as the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

At this point I have the complaint. The hon. government House leader.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make the point that we now have had two opportunities for the members on the opposite side to malign the Prime Minister, to suggest that he said things which I did not hear.

I would ask in fairness that the hon. members permit us to examine the “blues” before using code words and languages. It is a little bit objectionable that founding members of the rat pack would talk about behaviour.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

An hon. member: Merry Christmas.

Mr. Speaker: I do not need to hear anybody further on this point. I will examine it very carefully. The House has heard the undertaking of the government House leader.

The hon. member is rising.

I am afraid that I do not need much assistance now.

Mr. Nelson Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I appreciate that you are not interested in further interventions. I know there will be many further interventions if you permit them.

However, Mr. Speaker, do you plan to come back to the House tomorrow with your observations, having read the “blues”? My concern is that, because of all these hon. members who heard or saw the sounds uttered by the Prime Minister, we continue this discussion tomorrow if they do not appear in the “blues”.