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two members present from an entire caucus and yet offer no concrete solutions.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There are eight members on this side of the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. The Chair is prepared to recognize the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor), but not when he is not in his own seat.

**Mr. Tobin:** The hon. member is not in his own seat and cannot rise on a point of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** The hon. member has now returned to his own seat and I think the Chair will recognize the intent of the hon. member. If he chooses to rise on a point of order, he may do so now.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member keeps saying there are only two members on this side of the House. That is absolutely wrong. He cannot even count up to three. We have four members in the Progressive Party and there are four members from the New Democratic Party. The hon. member opposite has only eight members on his side of the House out of 150 members. I say to the hon. member that he had better get his own house cleaned up before he starts cleaning up our side.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, let me point out to the hon. member that he does not have a point of order. This is not our motion. We are not attempting to condemn the government. Neither was it our motion to move an emergency debate last week. It was yours, and you had three members. I would like to have a serious discussion today, not nefarious points of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. Unfortunately, with all of the other hazards of being in the chair, I do not have a crystal ball which would permit me to determine whether a point of order is nefarious or not until I hear it.

**Mr. Thacker:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In the meeting of the Standing Committee on Agriculture today we waited 30 minutes for Liberal members to show up. We had our full complement of Conservative and NDP members, but there was not one Liberal present.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Tobin:** I would like to say something.

**Mr. Taylor:** If the hon. member would say something, we would not have to raise points of order.

**Mr. Paproski:** I rise on a point of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. I want to indicate that the Chair will be fairly rapid in assessing whether or not there is a point of order.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention, and I think you should bring this matter to the attention of the House, that this afternoon there are four

committees meeting, namely, the Standing Committee on Agriculture, the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs and the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

**Mr. Tobin:** That is not a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. I would ask the hon. member to come to his point of order as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, because the hon. member mentioned there were only a few members in the House, he is reflecting upon how many members there are here, which I think is wrong. You are the first commoner in this chamber, Mr. Speaker, and you should be able to tell those people in television land just exactly where the members are. The first thing is that the hon. member for Humber-Port-au-Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) should not reflect on the number of members in this chamber. Second, I would ask you to inform those people who are watching this program that there are other members working in different places in this House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I am delighted the hon. member feels that the role of the Chair should include that of master of ceremonies for a television program. I think I should pass on that suggestion.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, members opposite are attempting to use up the time making political points, time which I would like to have today to talk about what the government is doing. I think it is relevant and I think the people out there in television land should know when a full day of the time of this House is wasted, whether it concerns the National Energy Program emergency debate, to which no one showed up—

**Mr. Paproski:** You can say that, but do not reflect on the numbers in this House.

**Mr. Tobin:**—or whether it be an opposition day motion to which the very members who put the motion do not show up. I think the people of Canada should know that. If we are going to be serious about putting our young people back to work, members themselves had better get back to work.

**Mr. Taylor:** How often are you in the House?

**Mr. Tobin:** You moved the motion. We did not. We are here to respond to it.

**Mr. Taylor:** How often are you in the House?

**Mr. Tobin:** And you have not showed up to put forward one concrete solution today.

I was a member of a task force which spent a period of six or seven months examining primarily the question of training, training programs and institutions in this country. We made a series of recommendations. This task force was made up of