

*Point of Order—Mr. Gottselig*

facilitate opposition initiatives in respect to these important questions. I will consult with my colleagues and the Hon. Member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Wilson) and get back to him. Perhaps we can deal with this matter later today.

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**POINT OF ORDER**

## ALLEGED USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

**Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a point of order relating to Question Period. During a reply by the Right Hon. Prime Minister, I distinctly heard what I consider to be an unparliamentary term spoken by the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi). In view of the ruling that you just made, that a point of order must be raised immediately following the infraction, I want to raise this point of order. Furthermore—

**Mr. Rossi:** What did I say?

**Mr. Gottselig:**—regardless of whether *Hansard* picked up the word used by the Member, he knows that he made it. Other Members sitting in this area would have heard it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Could the Member for Moose Jaw tell me what he is saying the Hon. Member for Bourassa said?

**Mr. Gottselig:** I can't say it.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Of course you have to say it if you want him to withdraw.

**Mr. Gottselig:** I am not going to say it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Translation]

**Mr. Rossi:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I never said anything unparliamentary and I insist that the Hon. Member—

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I take it that the Hon. Member for Moose Jaw is making a complaint to the Chair that he believes he heard an unparliamentary remark which he feels is inappropriate to repeat and is asking the Chair to check the records to determine whether that is true. I take it that is what he is doing.

[Translation]

**Mr. Rossi:** Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member for I do not know what constituency says that I made unparliamentary comments during the oral question period, he should have the courage to rise and repeat what I said because, for my part, I am positive that I did not.

We shall have to look at *Hansard* to see who said what.

[English]

**Mr. Gottselig:** Mr. Speaker, the term that I and other Members sitting here clearly heard him say is "bullshit".

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh! Withdraw.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the Hon. Member for Bourassa telling me he did not say it?

● (1510)

[Translation]

**Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa):** Mr. Speaker, if that is what he means, I must say that I do not think these comments were unparliamentary because I was not addressing any Member of Parliament. I said that the comments made by the Hon. Member speaking at the time were "b.s.", and what the Hon. Member is now saying is also "b.s."

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair is now in some difficulty. There is no question—

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There is no question that to use that phrase with that word is unparliamentary language, absolutely. I need not refer Hon. Members to the rules about what language is or is not unparliamentary.

Could I ask the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) to simply withdraw it, if he thinks he said it. Otherwise I will check the "Blues".

[Translation]

**Mr. Rossi:** Mr. Speaker, my comments were not addressed to a Member of Parliament. I said that the comments made at the time were "b.s.", and I think that what the Hon. Member is now saying is also "b.s."

I shall withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. The Hon. Member for Bourassa simply rose and withdrew it. I accept that.

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order because I would like to get a serious ruling with respect to conversations which fly from one Hon. Member to another and are subsequently raised. There was a point of order raised some time ago regarding the Hon. Member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Suluk) with respect to a statement he made clearly in the House. It was heard by other Hon. Members, and Hon. Members brought it to the attention of the Speaker at the earliest possible opportunity. It seems to me that the ruling of the Chair at that time was not to require a withdrawal from the Hon. Member because of the fact that it was not a recorded part of the—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The confusion I have here is that the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) rose to say what he