

[English]

POINT OF ORDER

COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, during Question Period today when our leader, the hon. member for Yukon, was asking a question about the devastating situation with regard to the farming industry in western Canada, I distinctly heard the Minister of Supply and Services use the words “bullshit” and “lie” with regard to her remarks.

I recognize that from time to time in this House we disagree with the veracity of a statement or we disagree with the interpretation of an economic situation in this country. That is certainly within the bounds of Parliament.

However I think there has been a rising level of heckling taking place over the last few weeks with regard to our leader in the House. I believe that the Minister of Supply and Services has overstepped the bounds of parliamentary dignity.

I quote from Citation 320 at page 105 of Beauchesne's that the word “bullshit” is not acceptable. That is with regard to *Debates* of September 19, 1973, page 6736.

Mr. Speaker, when you have the time and if you wish to refer to page 107 of Beauchesne's, you will see that the word “lie” is mentioned. The use of the word “lie” is listed on page 108. For your edification, Mr. Speaker, the references refer to *Debates*, April 23, 1959; *Debates*, May 27, 1959; January 5, 1960; March 1, 1960; June 1, 1960; June 10, 1960; August 5, 1960—a very active year—February 20, 1961; June 26, 1961; September 14, 1961; February 22, 1962; November 15, 1962; October 18, 1963; October 7, 1964; November 3, 1964; December 4, 1964; December 10, 1964; December 10, 1964 again—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I get the point of the member's invention. Does the minister wish to reply?

Hon. Paul Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has adequately proven to me that these words have been used frequently in the House of Commons. I do recognize, though, that under Beauchesne's they are deemed as being unparliamentary.

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I guess I was driven to using the point of using this unparliamentary language by the complete inaccuracy of the statements put forth by the Leader of the New Democratic Party. Its members did that in the last election campaign. They were roundly defeated when they said that about medicare and about social programs under the free trade agreement. They persist on using inaccurate, fallacious information which absolutely devastates any arguments they are trying to make.

I do recognize that those words may have been out of order in the situation. I would withdraw them, but I would hope that the hon. leader would try to learn something about the GST.

• (1210)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The member has withdrawn.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—MOTIONS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I have received a written notice from the hon. member for North Island—Powell River that he is unable to move his motion during the hour provided for Private Members' Business on Monday, January 29, 1990.

[Translation]

Since it was not possible to switch places on the priority list, pursuant to Standing Order 94, I order the Clerk to move this item to the bottom of the priority list.

The time for Private Members' Business will therefore be cancelled, pursuant to Standing Order 94.

[English]

Since there will be nothing before the House at one o'clock, the sitting will have to be suspended after prayers until two o'clock. Does that pose a problem for the House?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the member who was to move a motion under Private Members' Business on Monday cannot attend, I think that you would find there is consent for the following motion:

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order of the House, on Monday, January 29, 1990 the House meets at two o'clock p.m. for