

*Points of Order*

dous demand on our welfare and health budgets, and in fact contribute to reducing the deficit.

Why, instead, did the minister cut another \$136 million from the program of Indian affairs?

**Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)):** Madam Speaker, housing is very important to our aboriginal people in this country. For that reason we have had a 34.2 per cent increase in the funding of moneys to be spent for aboriginal housing in this country. We are continuing to increase the number of houses that are being built and we will work with our aboriginal communities to ensure that this is done.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I would have liked to have had more questions today. There are two single questions that I would have liked the House to hear. Unfortunately we do not have any more time. I realize that there are two members who had asked but with all the disorder we have had today we just do not have the time.

On a point of order, the hon. government House leader.

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**POINTS OF ORDER****COMMENT DURING QUESTION PERIOD**

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, during the course of Question Period there was a question directed to the Minister of Finance by the member for Cape Breton—East Richmond. While the Minister of Finance was answering, the member for Cape Breton—East Richmond shouted out loud enough for everyone here to hear that the minister must be on dope.

I think that is uncalled for, unparliamentary, and not in keeping with the traditions of this House. I would ask the hon. member to withdraw that remark.

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Madam Speaker, you will know and the Chair will know that the words which I used are not unparliamentary.

They are not contained in any of the lists of words which are used. However, in view of the respect that I have for the Chair, if the Chair deems it to be appropriate I will gladly withdraw.

While I am on my feet, Madam Speaker, I would hope that the Minister of Finance would avail himself of this opportunity because on two repeated occasions he imputed that members on this side were abusing and facilitating the abuse of the unemployment insurance.

I will withdraw my remarks and at the same time I hope the Minister of Finance will do the same.

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** I did not accuse the hon. members opposite of abusing the unemployment insurance program. I said that they were not only condoning but they were indeed promoting others to do that.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, what the minister said during Question Period may not have imputed motives, but what he just said now does impute motives to the opposition in this House. We are not condoning, we are not promoting the abuse. What we are condemning is the government's heartlessness.

I would suggest that unless the minister withdraws that remark that we do check to make sure he has not abused the privileges of members of this House.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** If we go back, the hon. government House leader reminded the House of something that was said during Question Period which the Chair did not hear. The hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond answered that even though the word was not in the book as being unparliamentary, I think that with his experience in the House he will know that when it causes disorder, the Chair is more than likely to qualify the word as unparliamentary. I appreciate the fact that the hon. member did withdraw.

Taking the suggestion of the hon. member for Churchill, should we, after rereading the "blues" see that there is anything wrong with the minister's statement, we will bring it back to the House. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.